

# CKM determination from W decays

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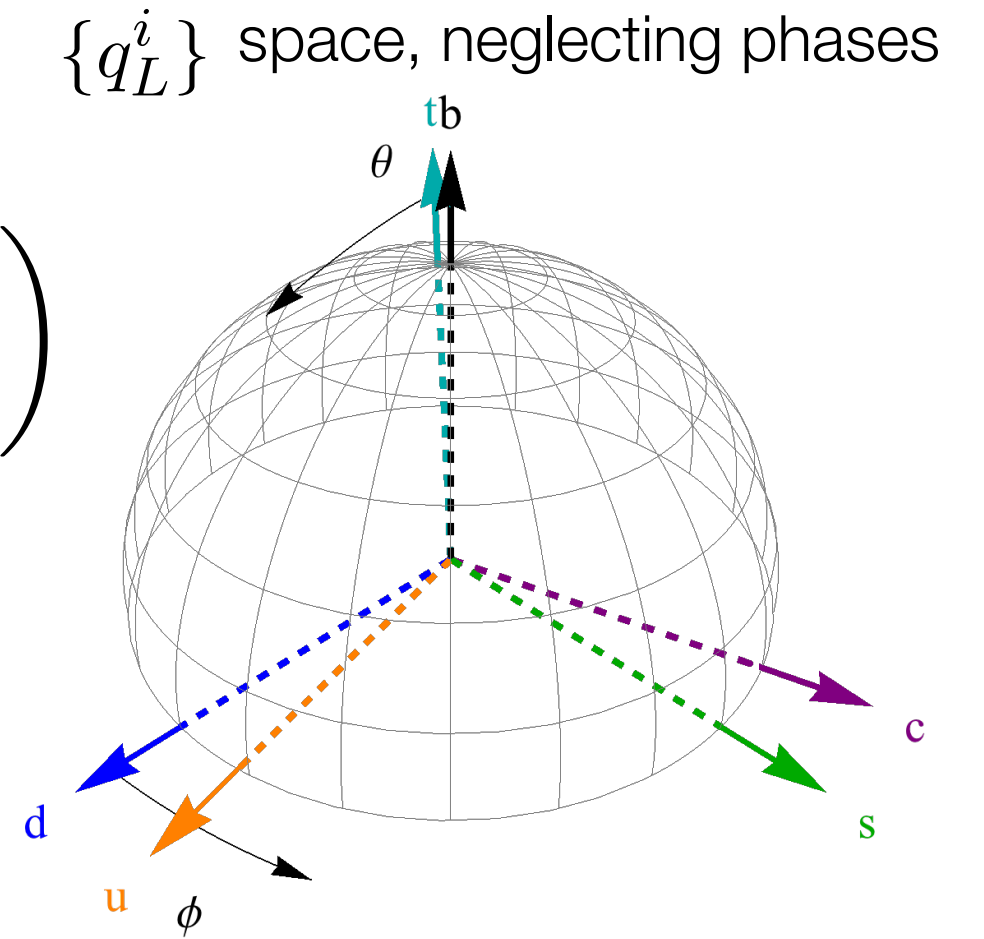
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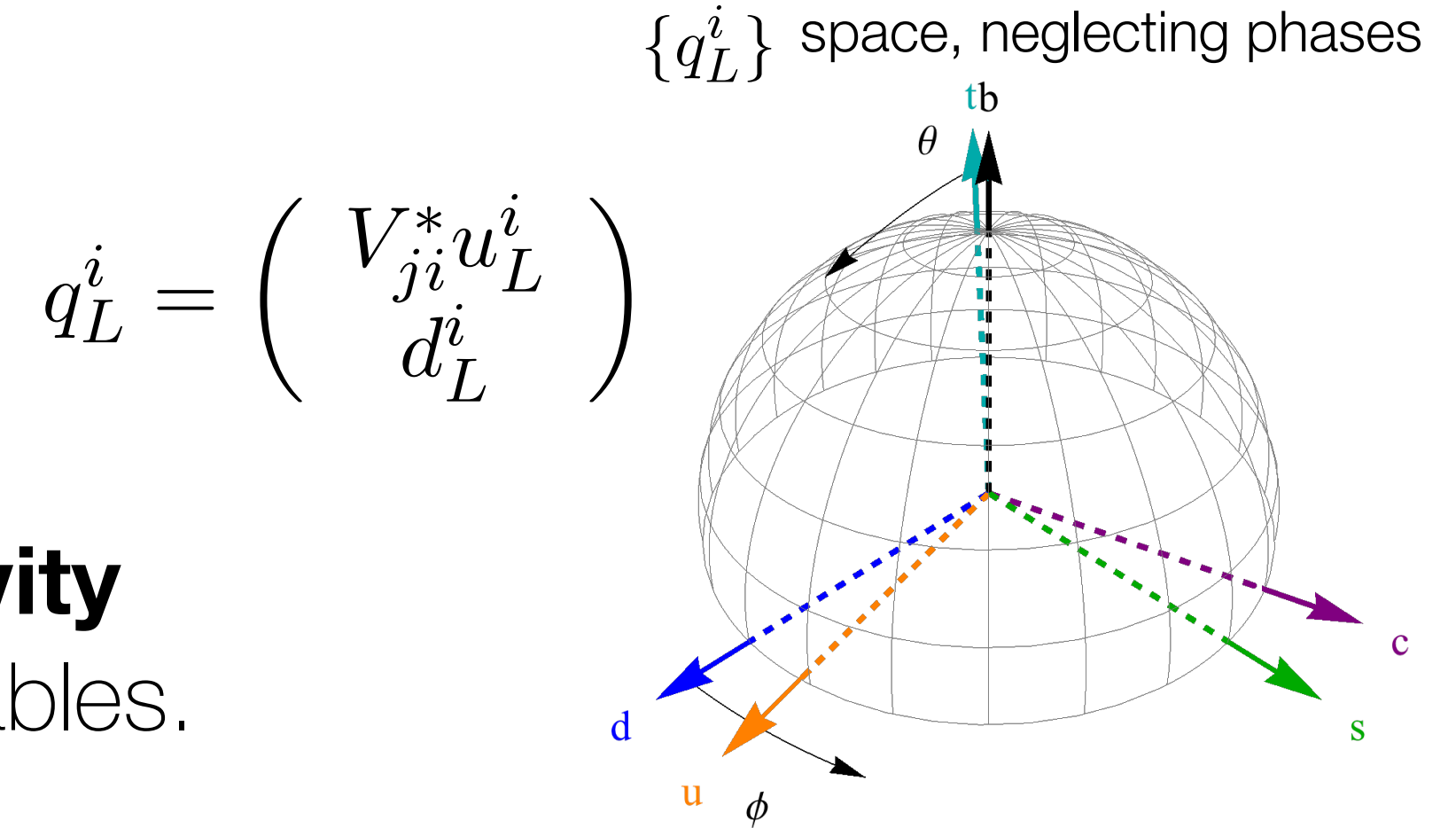


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**$|V_{cb}|$  is particularly important:**

$B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \nu \nu$

$$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \bar{\nu} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} (5.06 \pm 0.14 \pm 0.28) \times 10^{-6} \\ (2.05 \pm 0.07 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-6} \end{array} \right.$$

Becirevic et al. 2301.06990

Main theory uncertainties due to:

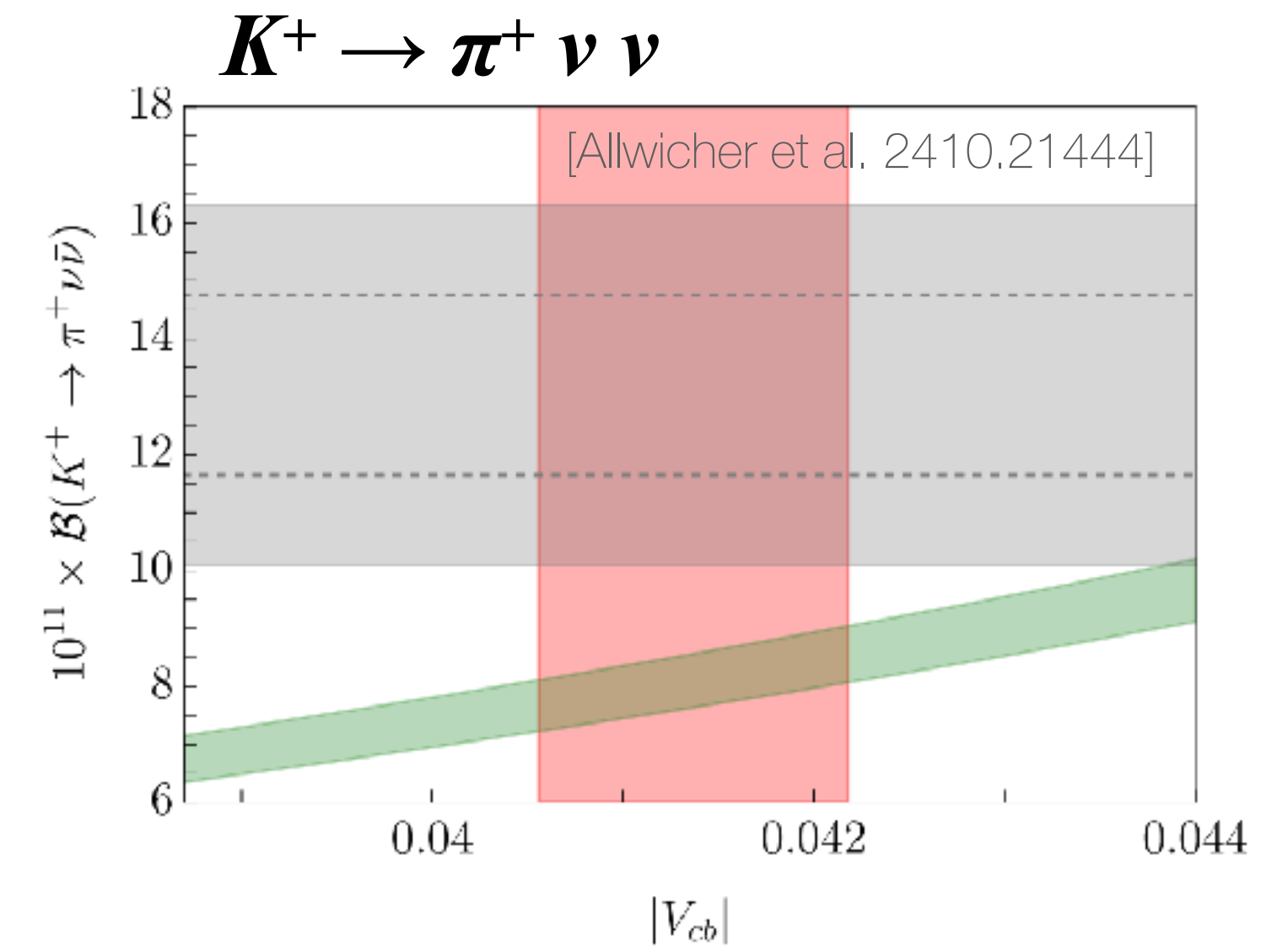
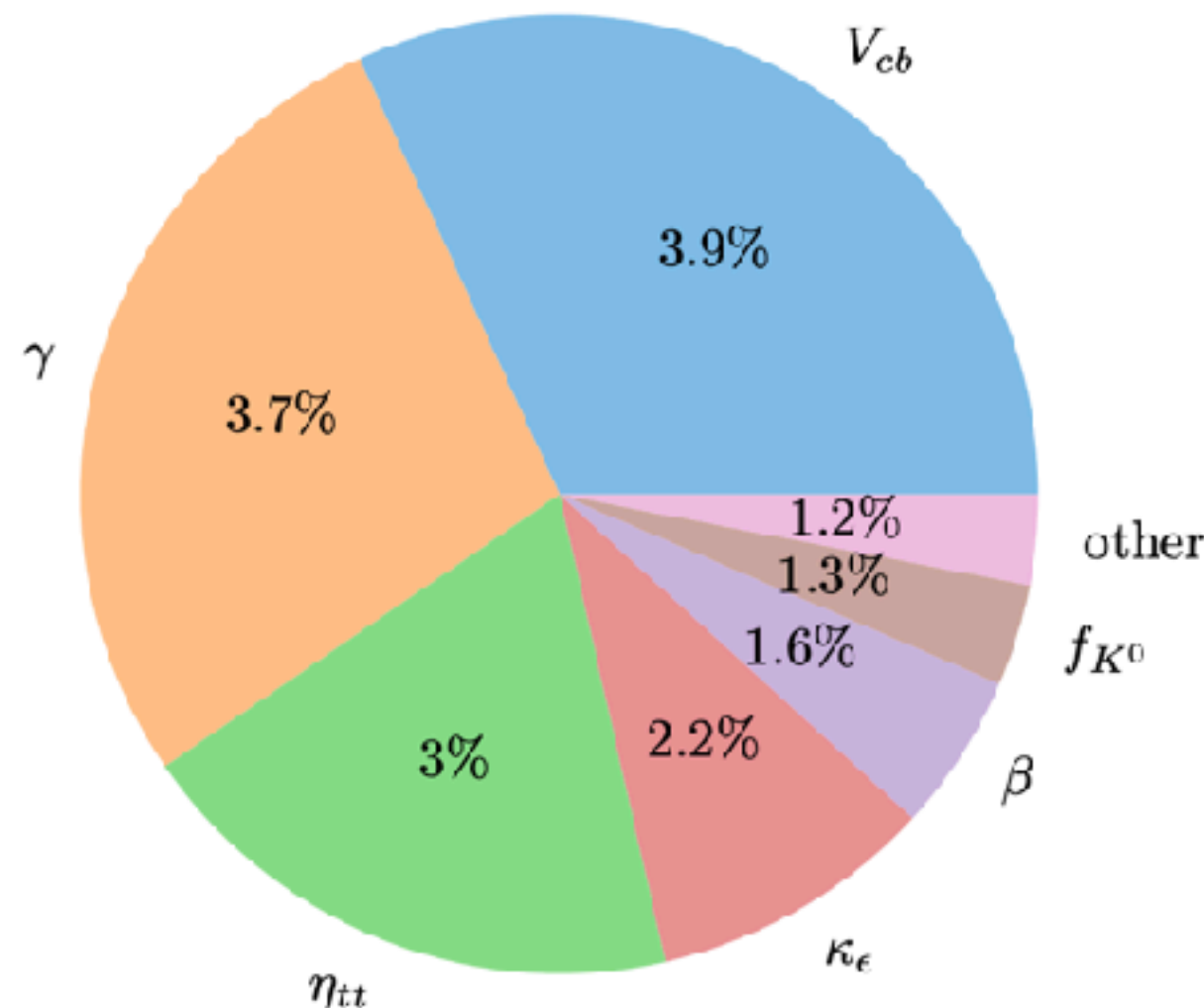
- Hadronic form factors (Lattice QCD)
- CKM matrix elements: mostly  $|V_{cb}|$

$$V_{ts} = -|V_{cb}| \left[ 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} (1 - 2\bar{\rho} - 2i\bar{\eta}) + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^4) \right]$$

Buras et al. 1409.4557

## Error budget of $\epsilon_K$

[Buras, Stengl 2412.14254]

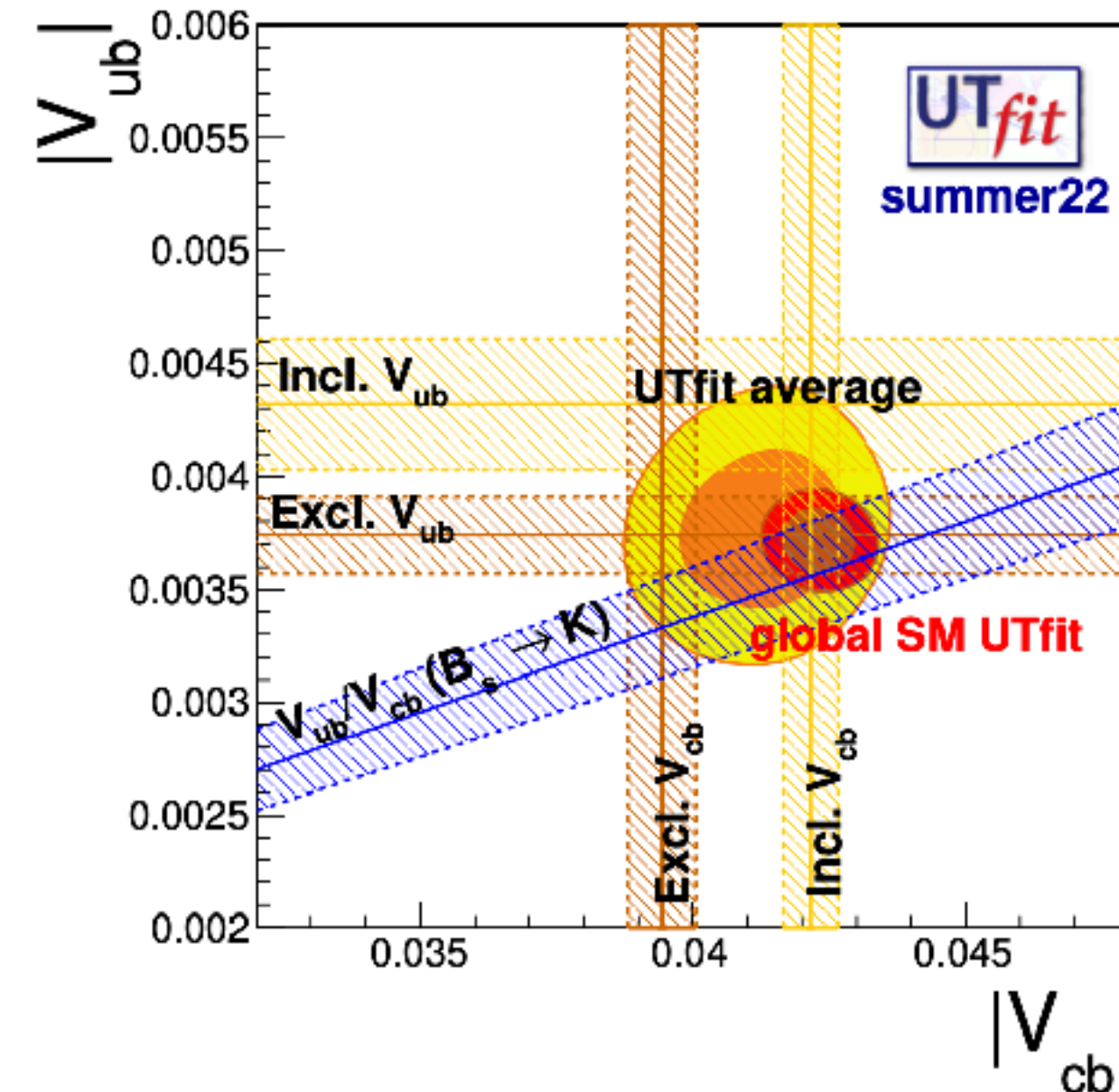
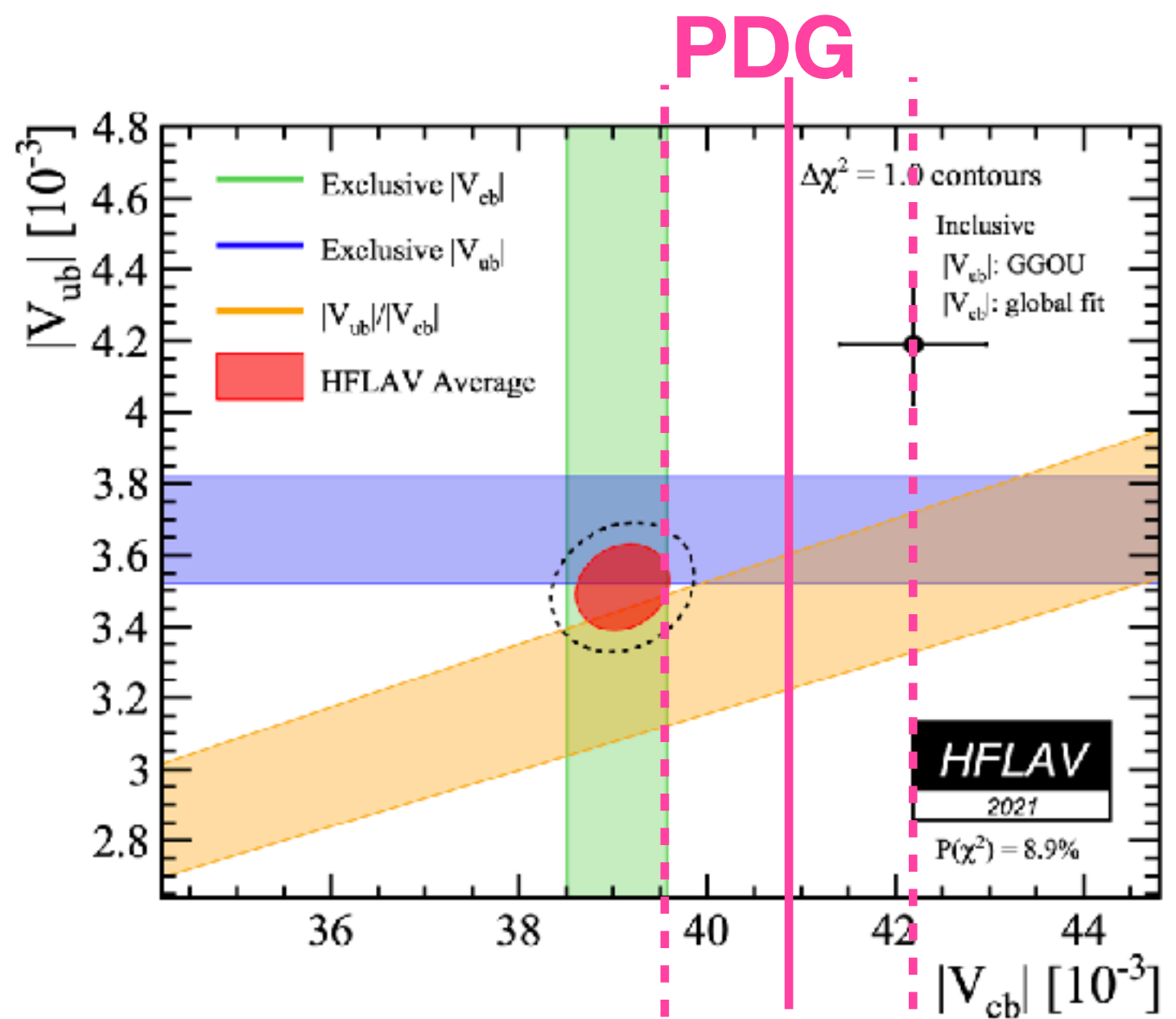


$$V_{ts}^* V_{td} = \lambda |V_{cb}|^2 \left[ (\bar{\rho} - 1) \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \right) + i\bar{\eta} \left( 1 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \right) \right]$$

# Measuring $V_{cb}$ from meson decays

$|V_{cb}|$  is currently measured from **tree-level semi-leptonic B decays**, either **exclusive**  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \nu$  or **inclusive**  $b \rightarrow c$  transitions,  $B \rightarrow X_c \ell \nu$ .

At present the  $|V_{cb}|$  extraction from **inclusive vs. exclusive** decays are in **tension**.

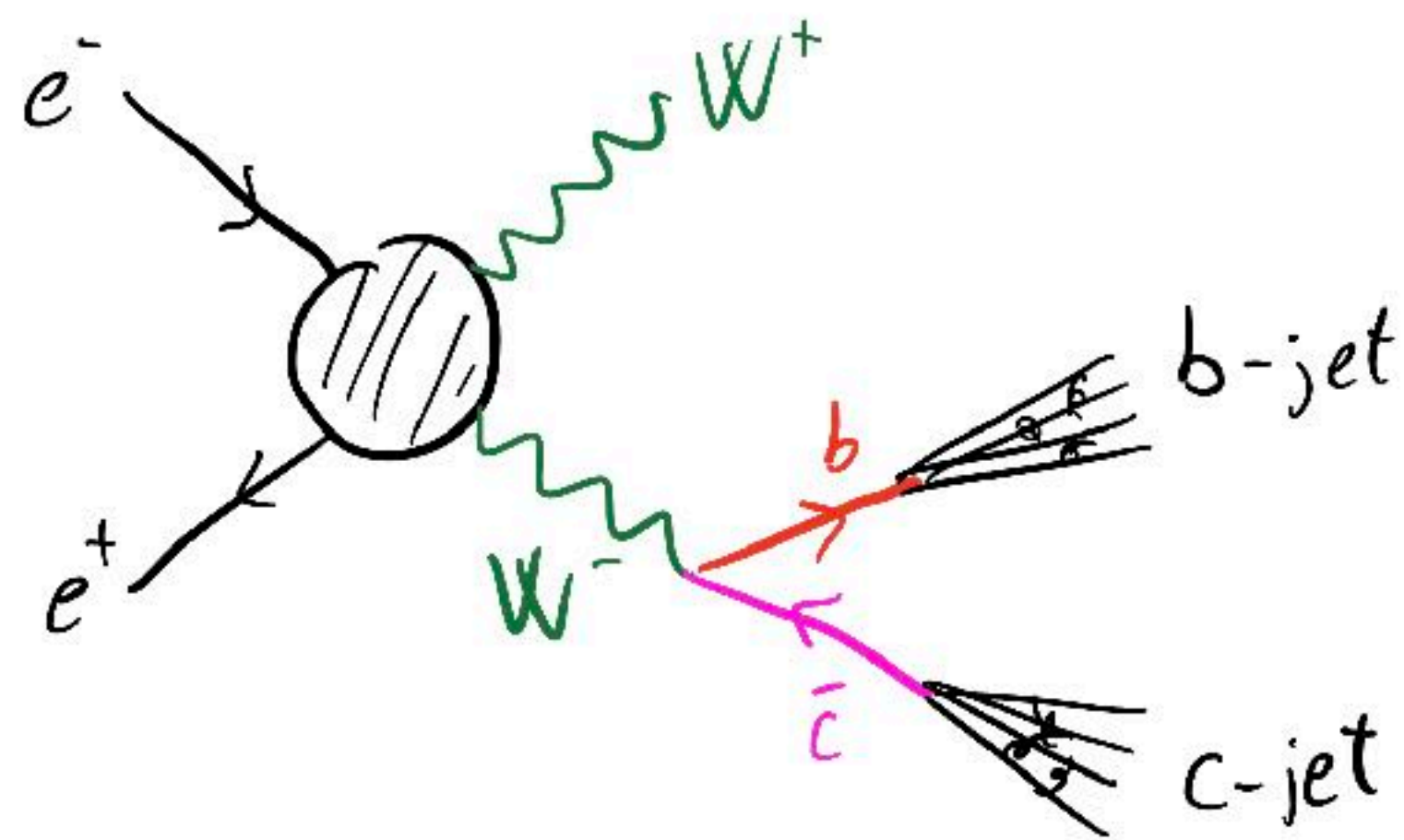


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Independently on this tension, the extraction of  **$V_{cb}$  from semileptonic B decays** is **already limited by systematics**: Belle-II detector performance.



# A more direct measurement



CKM

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}} = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \left( W_{\mu}^{+} \bar{u}_{L}^{\alpha} V_{\alpha\beta} \gamma^{\mu} d_{L}^{\beta} + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{B}(W^{-} \rightarrow \bar{u}_i d_j) \approx \frac{1}{2} |V_{ij}|^2 \mathcal{B}(W^{-} \rightarrow \text{hadrons})$$

$$\mathcal{B}(W^{-} \rightarrow \text{hadrons}) = (67.41 \pm 0.27)\%$$

**|V<sub>cb</sub>|**

Extracting **CKM elements directly from on-shell W decays** could provide:

- 1) A completely **independent measurement** of a crucial input for flavour physics.
- 2) A measurement **independent from Lattice QCD** inputs: a possible benchmark for LQCD?
- 3) A way to **improve the precision beyond** the one from **semileptonic B decays**. **Quantify?**

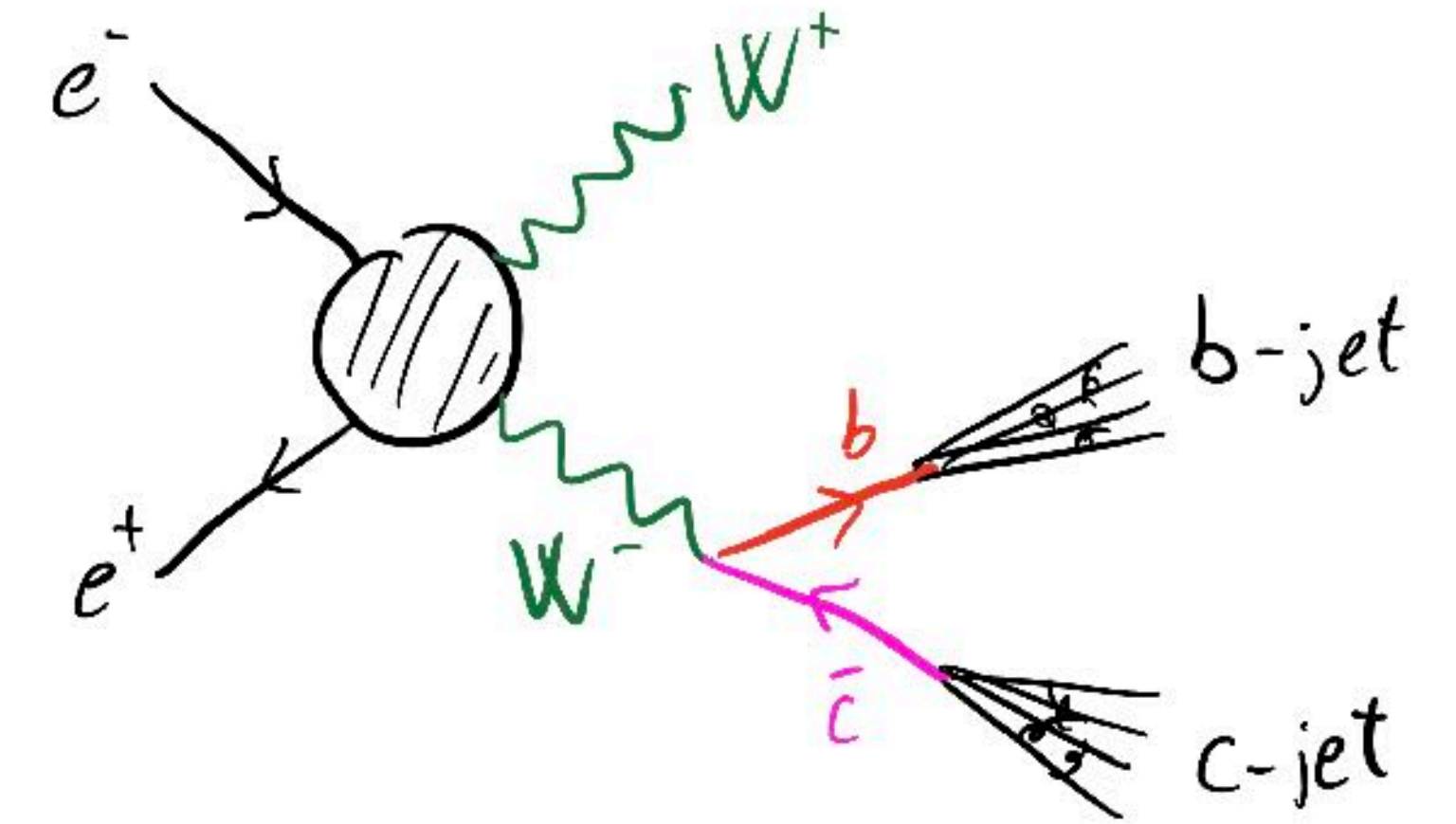
# The scope

Assuming  $\sim 10^8$  **W pairs** and a **“perfect jet flavour tagger”**, the statistical precision achievable in each CKM ME would be:

$W^- \rightarrow$	$\bar{u}d$	$\bar{u}s$	$\bar{u}b$	$\bar{c}d$	$\bar{c}s$	$\bar{c}b$
BR	31.8%	1.7%	$4.5 \times 10^{-6}$	1.7%	31.7%	$5.9 \times 10^{-4}$
$N_{ev}$	$64 \times 10^6$	$3.4 \times 10^6$	900	$3.4 \times 10^6$	$63 \times 10^6$	$118 \times 10^3$
$\delta_{V_{ij}}^{th}$	0.0063 %	0.027 %	1.7 %	0.027 %	0.0063 %	0.15 %

see [2401.07564]

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- $V_{cb}$  and  $V_{cs}$ : **good statistical** prospect, **good tagging**
- $V_{ub}$ : **poor statistics**, **poor tagging** (no hope)
- Others: **good statistics**, **poor tagging**

**We focus on  $V_{cb}$  and  $V_{cs}$**

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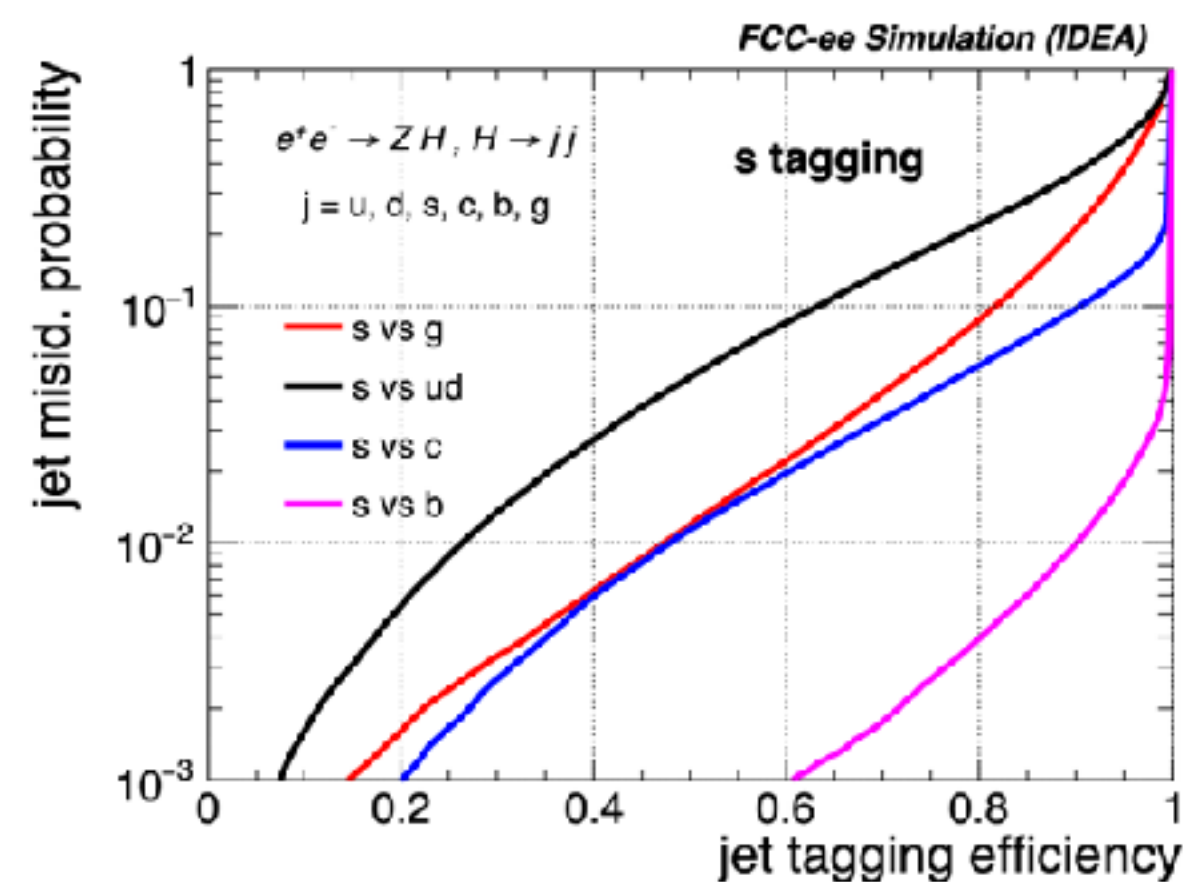
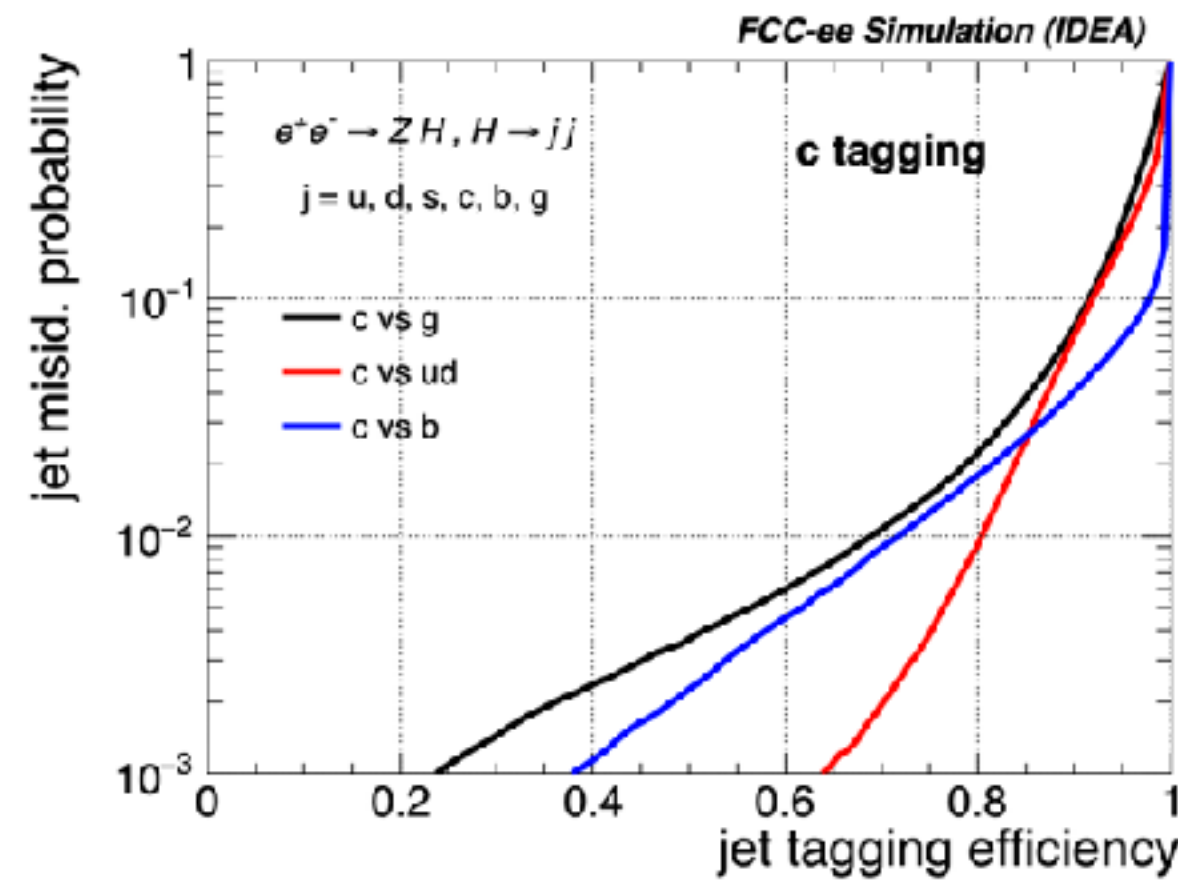
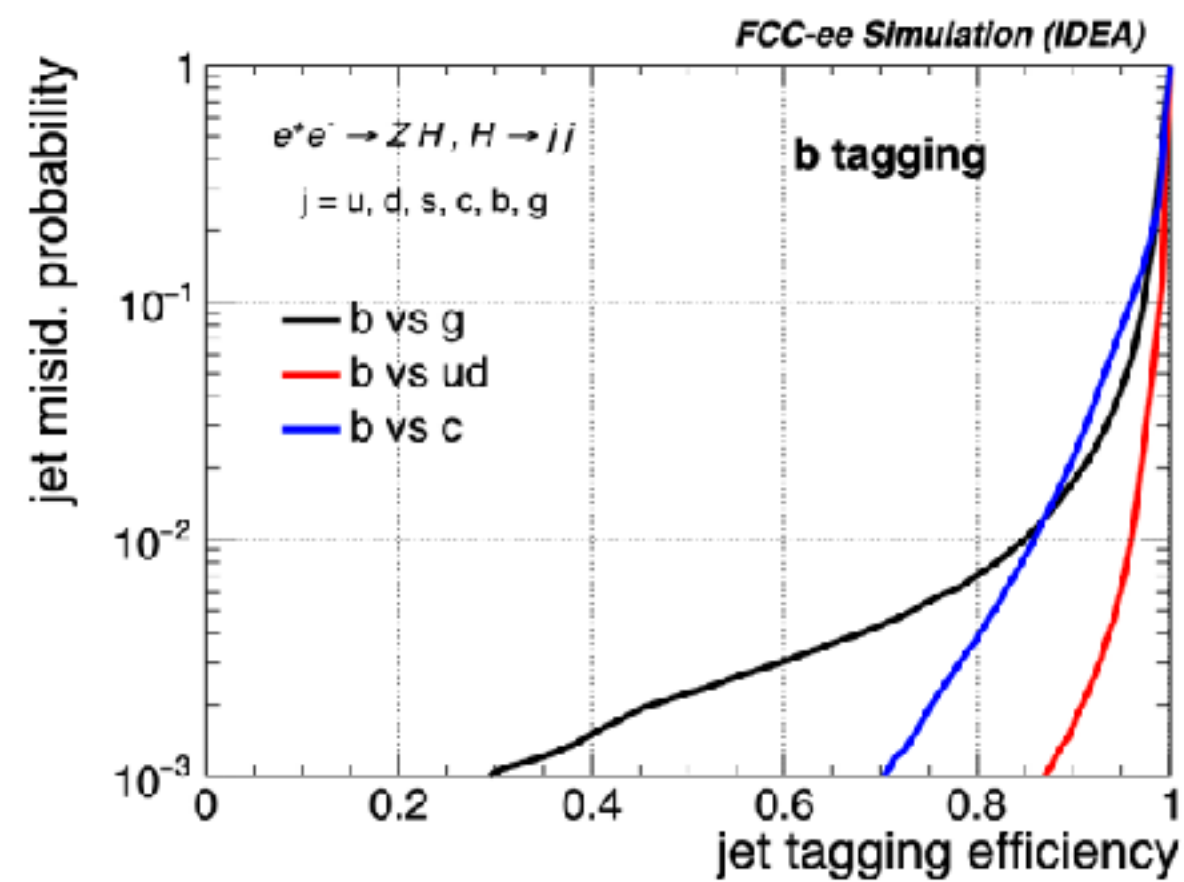
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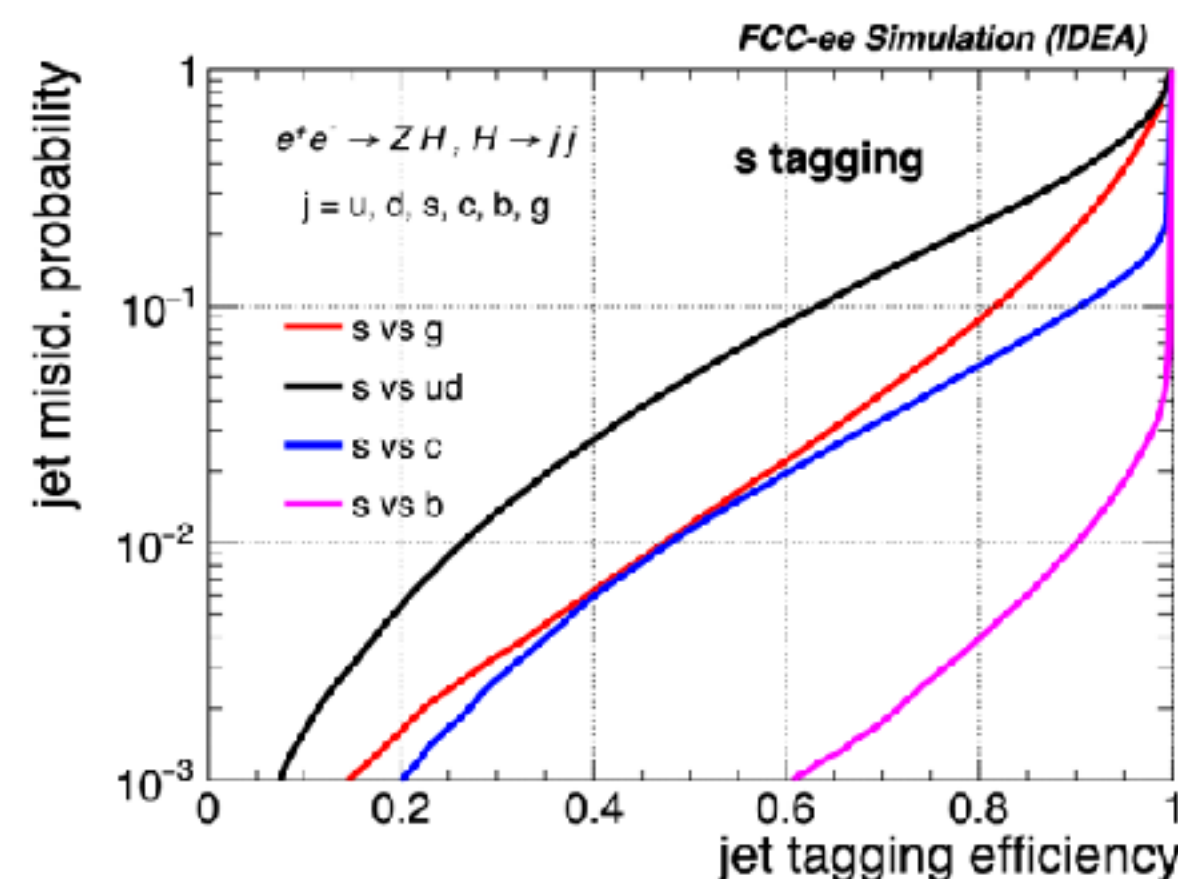
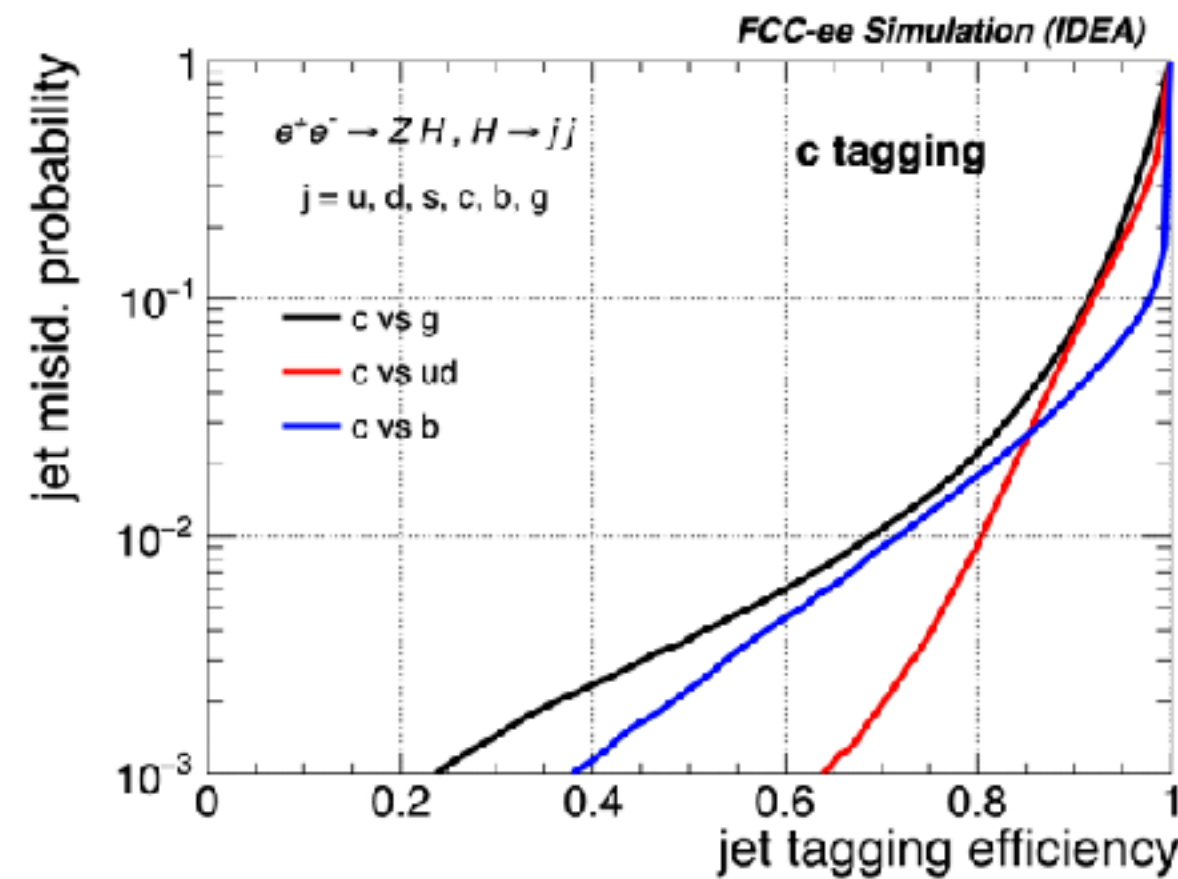
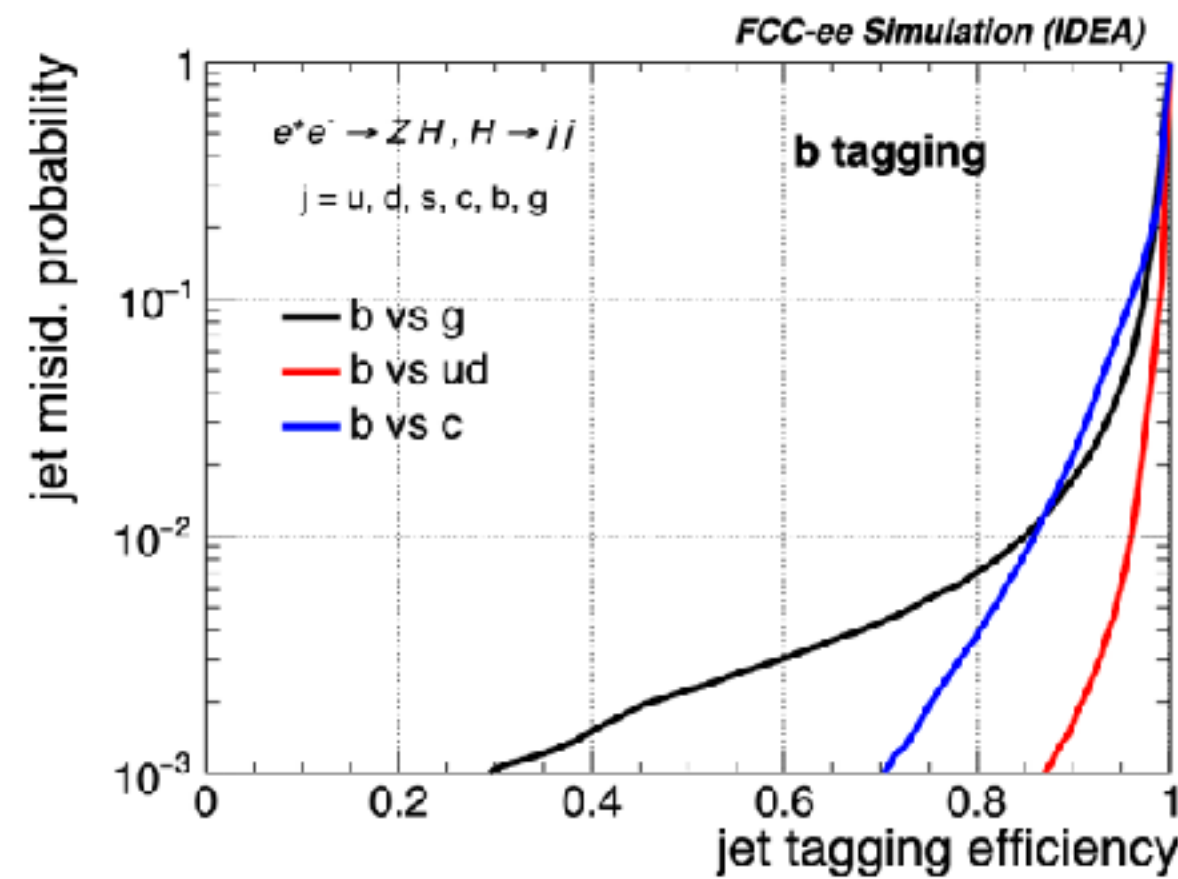
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**Precise calibration** thanks to  $\sim 10^{12}$  **Z decays** ( $R_b$  method [[hep-ex/9810002](#)]) allows **O(0.1%) precision** in the jet tagging efficiencies.

The impact of the **extrapolation of these jet tagging from the Z-pole run up to the WW threshold** should be carefully assessed.



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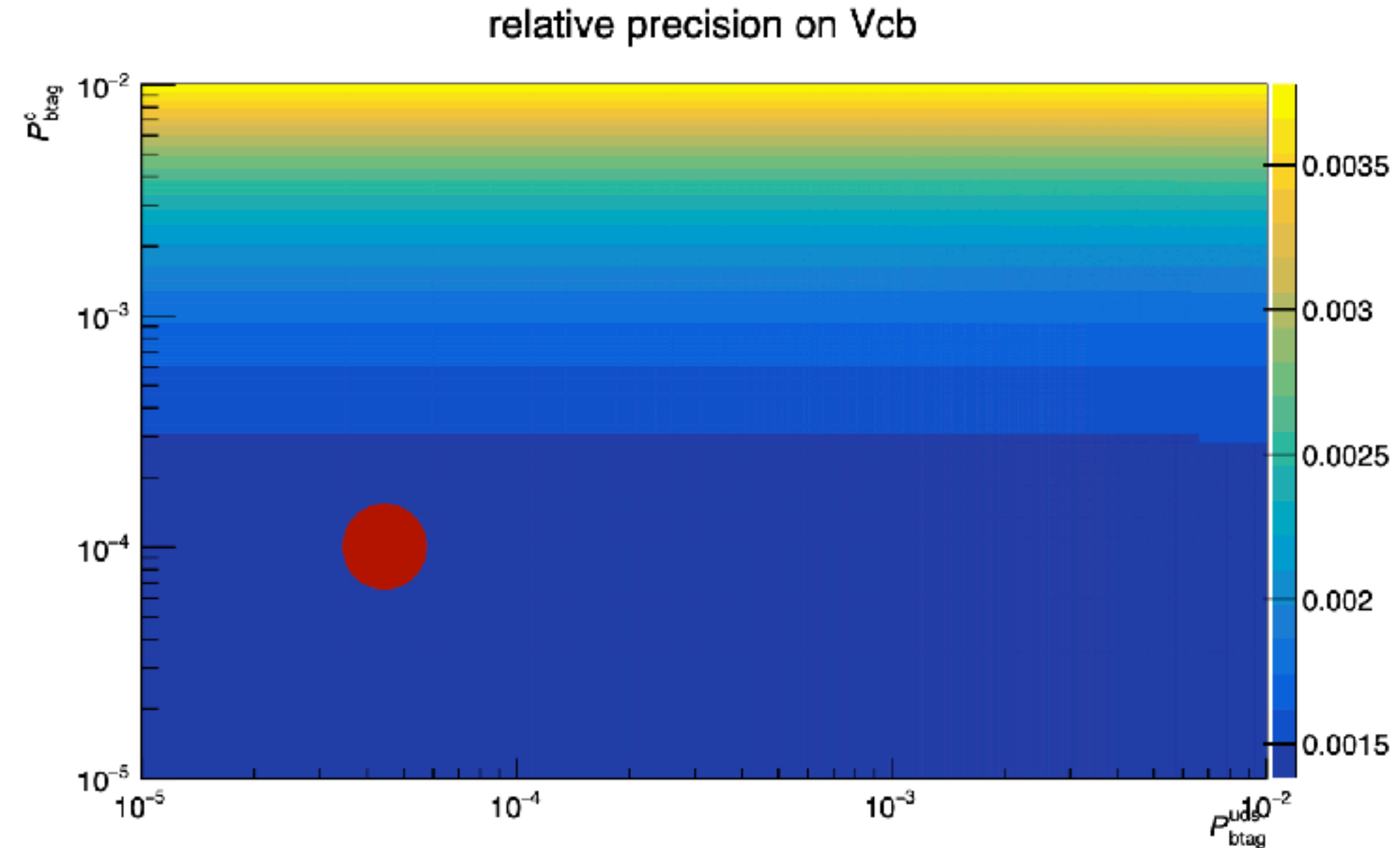
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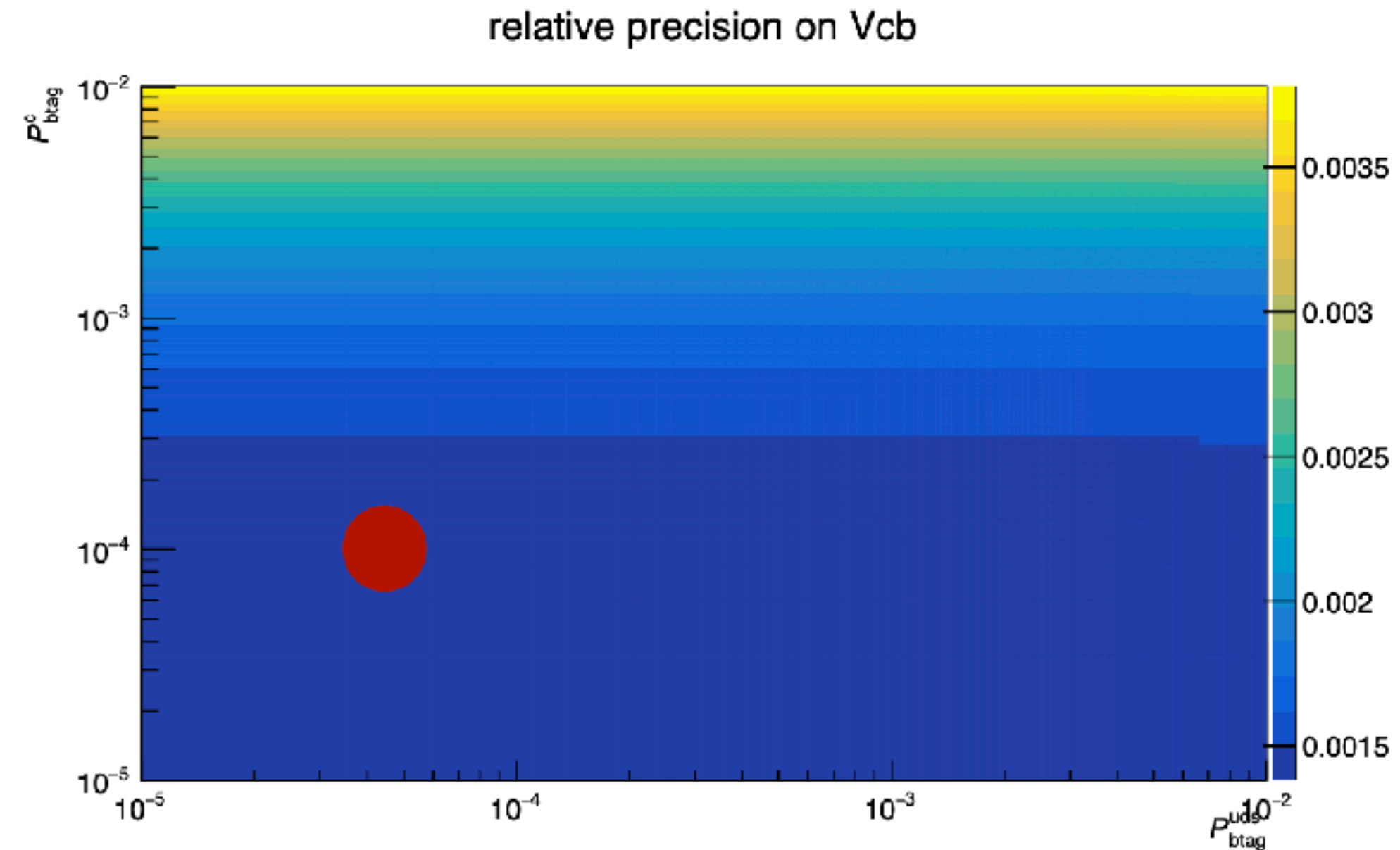
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**Questions:** What are the **prospects for  $V_{cs}$** ?

How do they depend on **systematic uncertainties**?

[DM, Szewc, Tammaro [2405.08880](#)]



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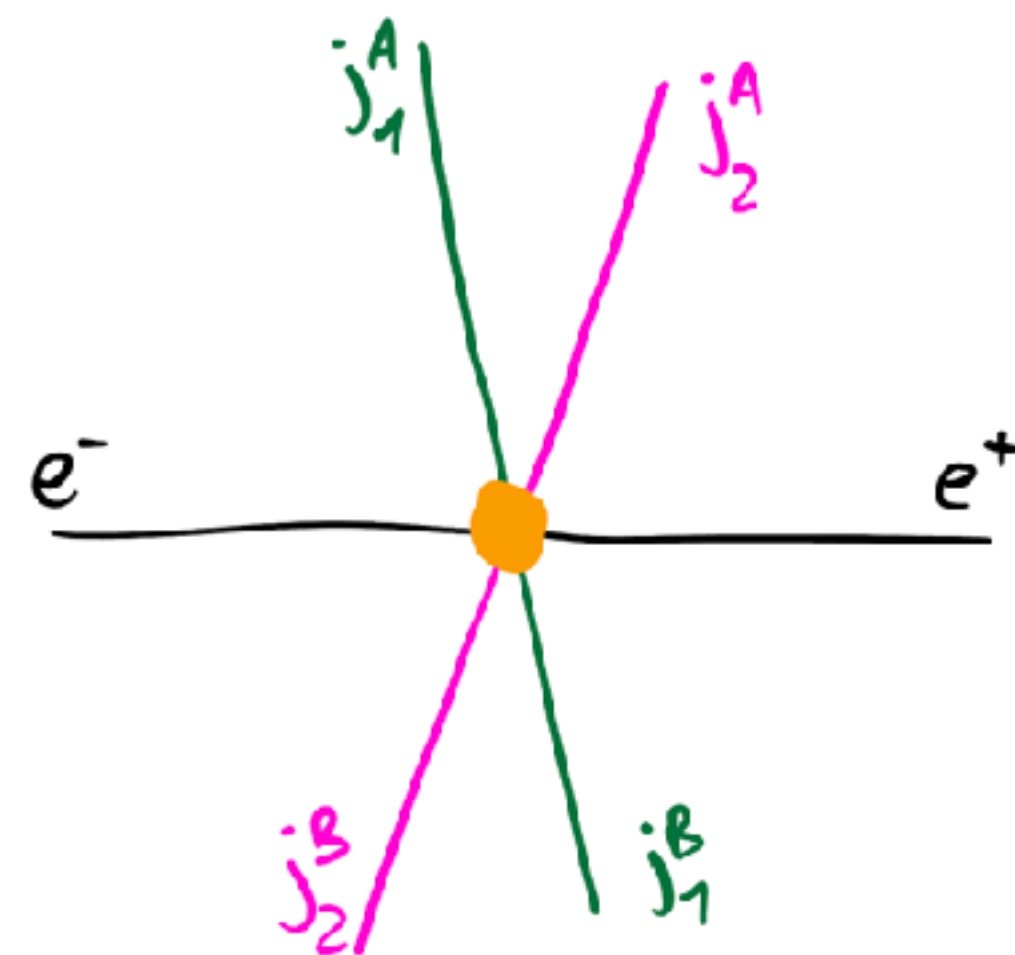
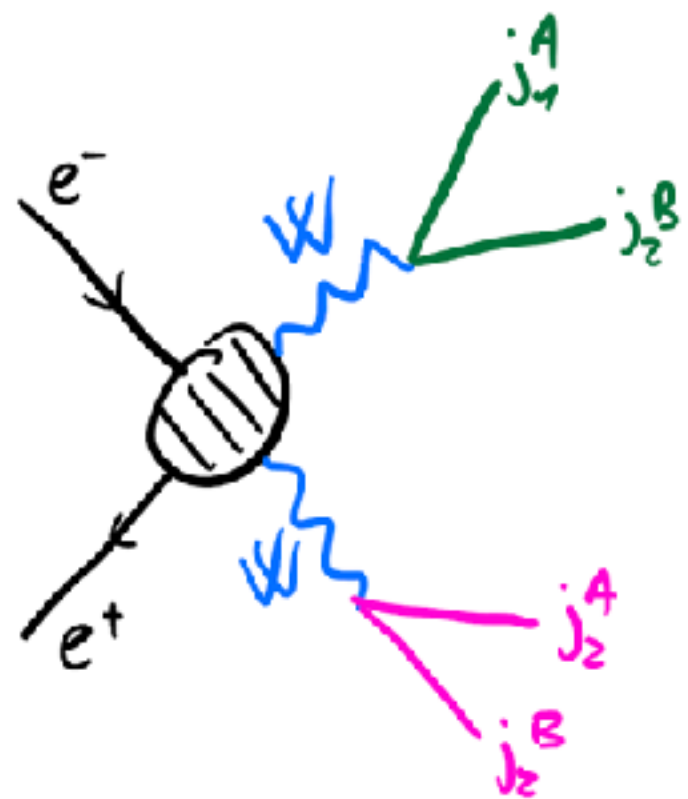
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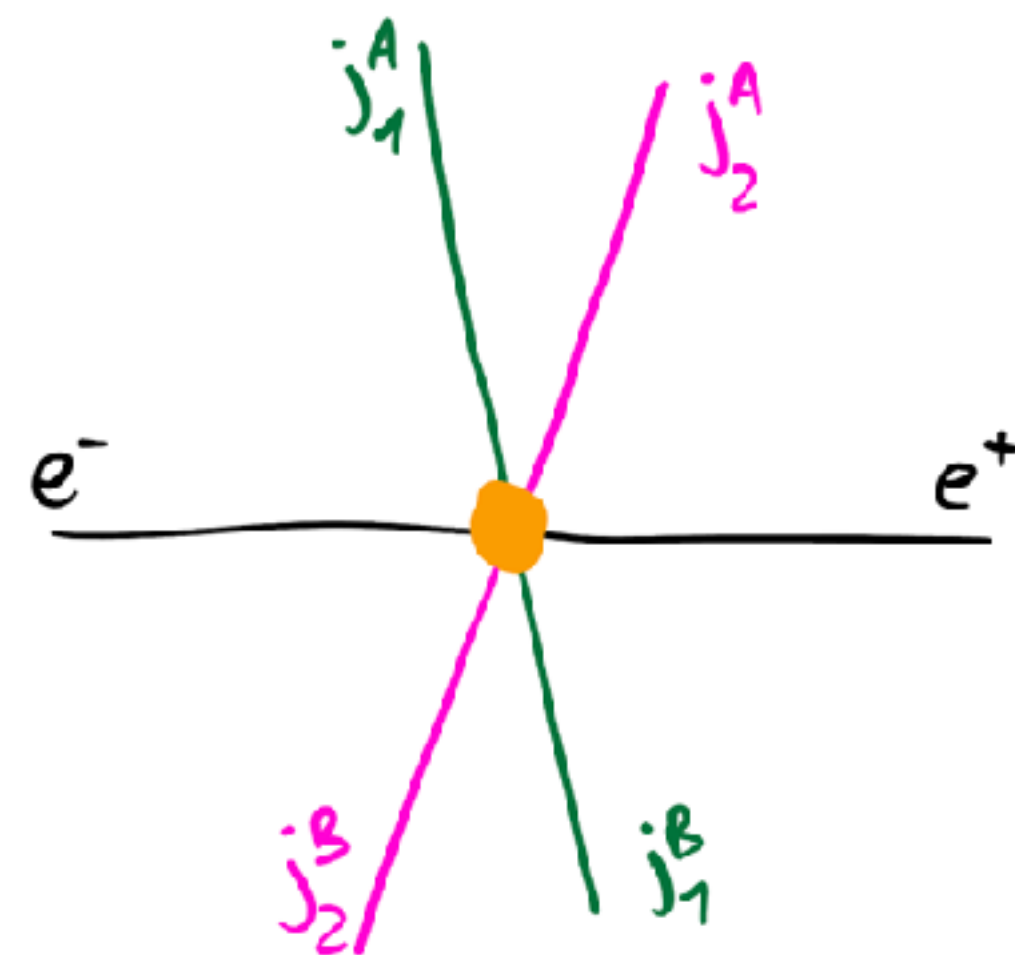
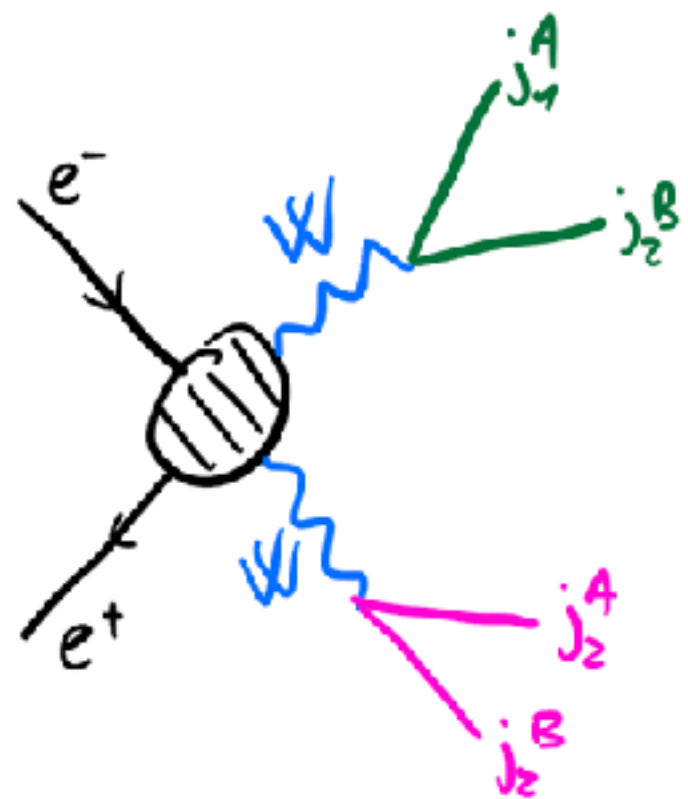
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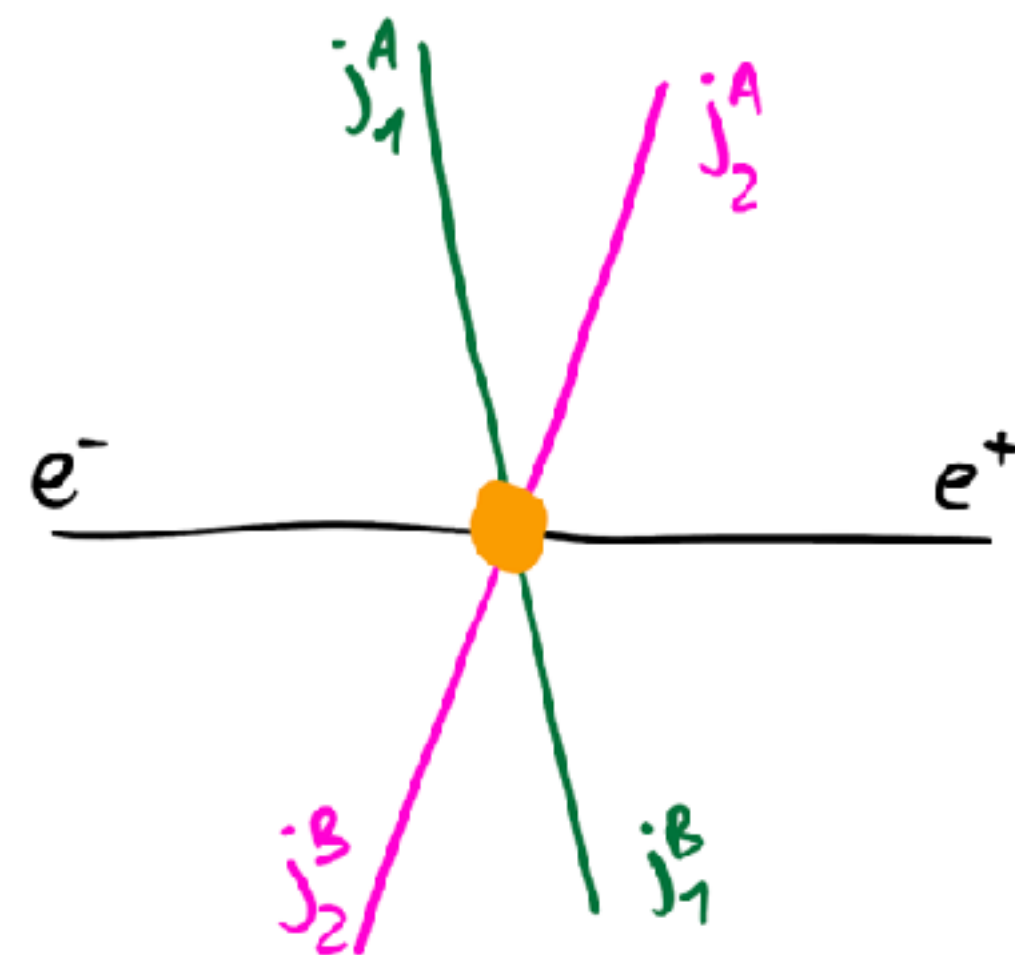
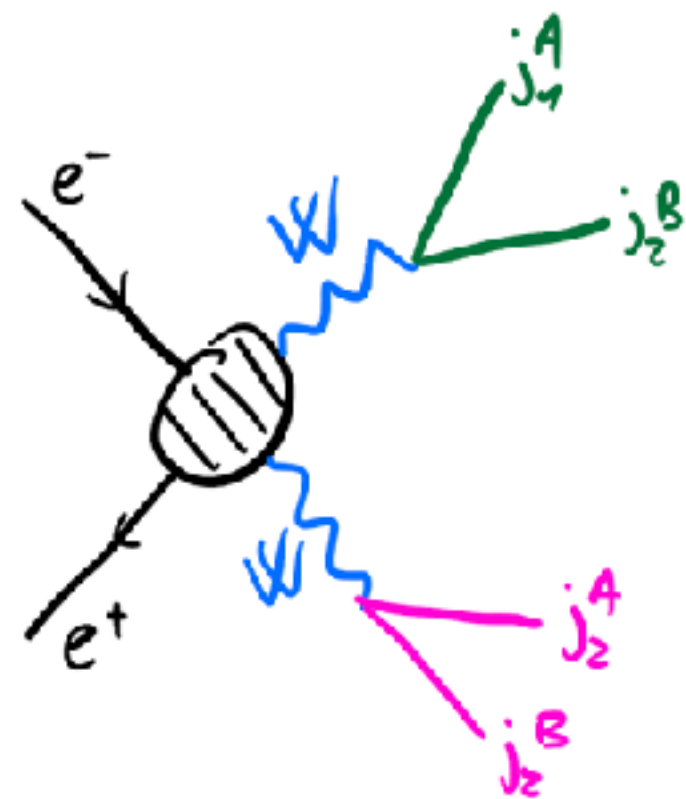
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**Each event has 2 pairs, so we have two sets of bins:**

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**Tagging efficiencies**

$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}$

To each we assign a **relative uncertainty** (equal for all)

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The flavour decomposition of the two pairs of jets is the following (2q2g category):

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$W_2$	$(gg)$	$(gg)$	$(gg)$	$(gg)$	$(gg)$	$(dg)$	$(sg)$	$(bg)$	$(ug)$	$(cg)$
$\sigma$ [fb]	14	14	6.9	20	22	15	15	8.7	19	22
$N_{\text{ev}}$ [ $10^6$ ]	1.7	1.7	0.83	2.4	2.7	1.8	1.8	1.1	2.3	1.6

**Very small mistag rates of a gluon-jet into a b- or c-jet: 0.007 and 0.01**

**We checked that the impact on CKM extraction is negligible.**

# SM corrections

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}_{ij}}{\mathcal{B}_{\text{had}}} \approx \frac{|V_{ij}|^2}{\sum_{l=u,c; m=d,s,b} |V_{lm}|^2}$$

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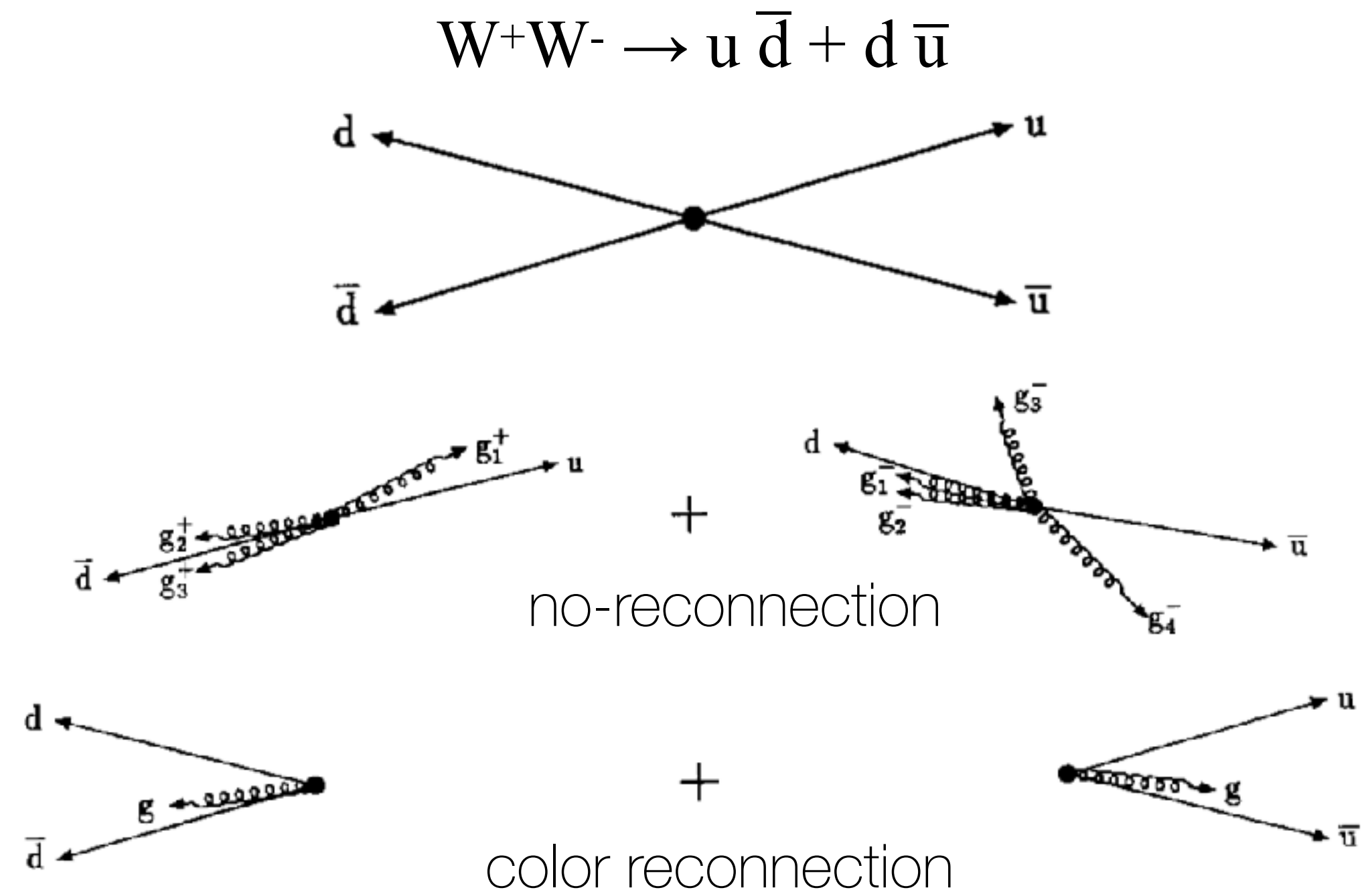
**Color reconnection** can affect the hadron distribution in the WW → 4j process.

Its understanding is crucial for a precise m<sub>w</sub> measurement: modelled in showering algorithms.

Gustafson, Pettersson, Zerwas '88, Sjostrand and Khoze '93, Christiansen and Sjöstrand [1506.09085]

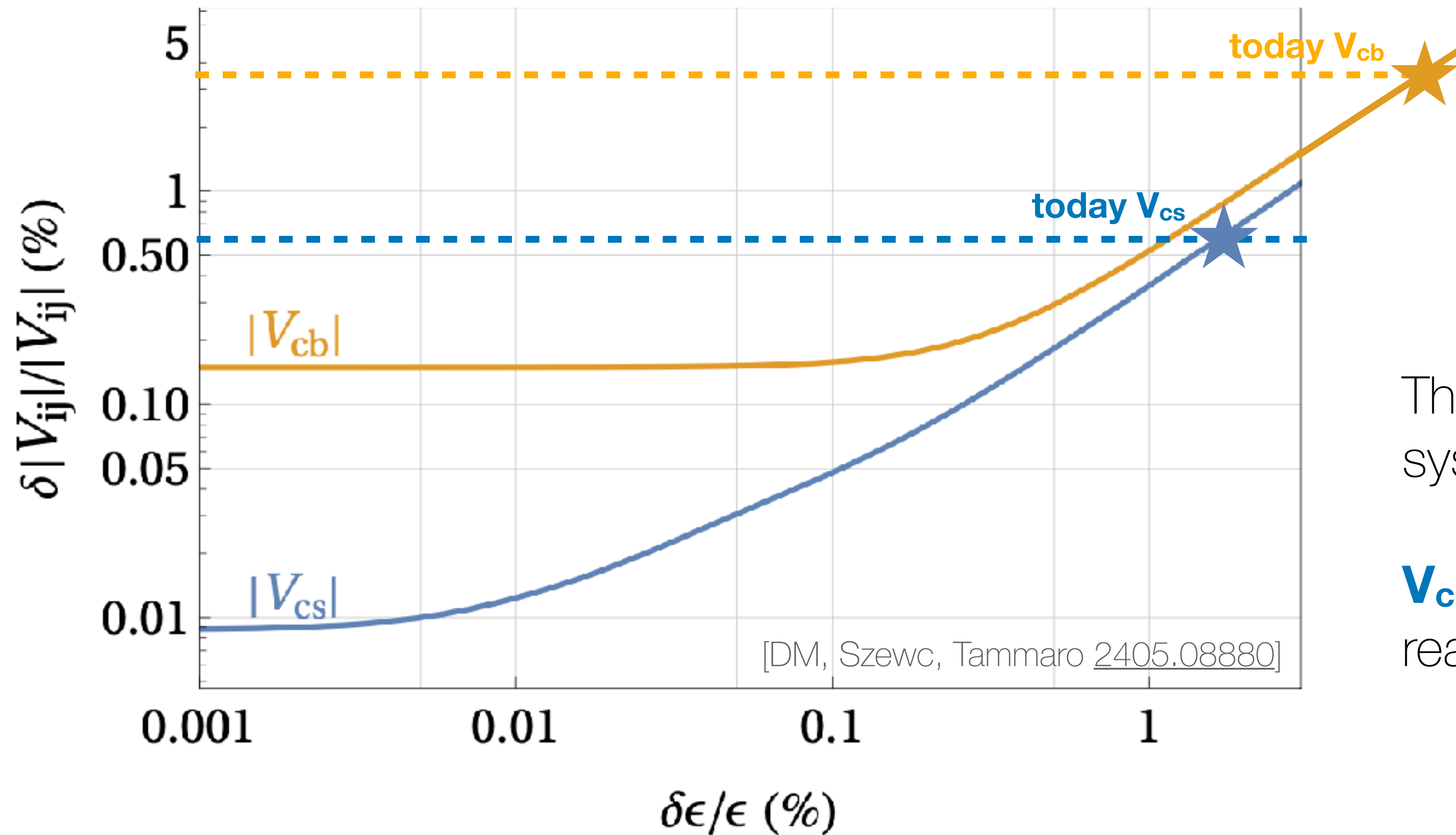
We assume any related systematic uncertainties can be **“described” by the systematic uncertainties** associated to the jet tagging efficiencies.

**Open question: what is the impact of this in CKM extraction?**



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The precision on  $V_{cb}$  saturates at per-mille level of systematic uncertainties, due to limited statistics.

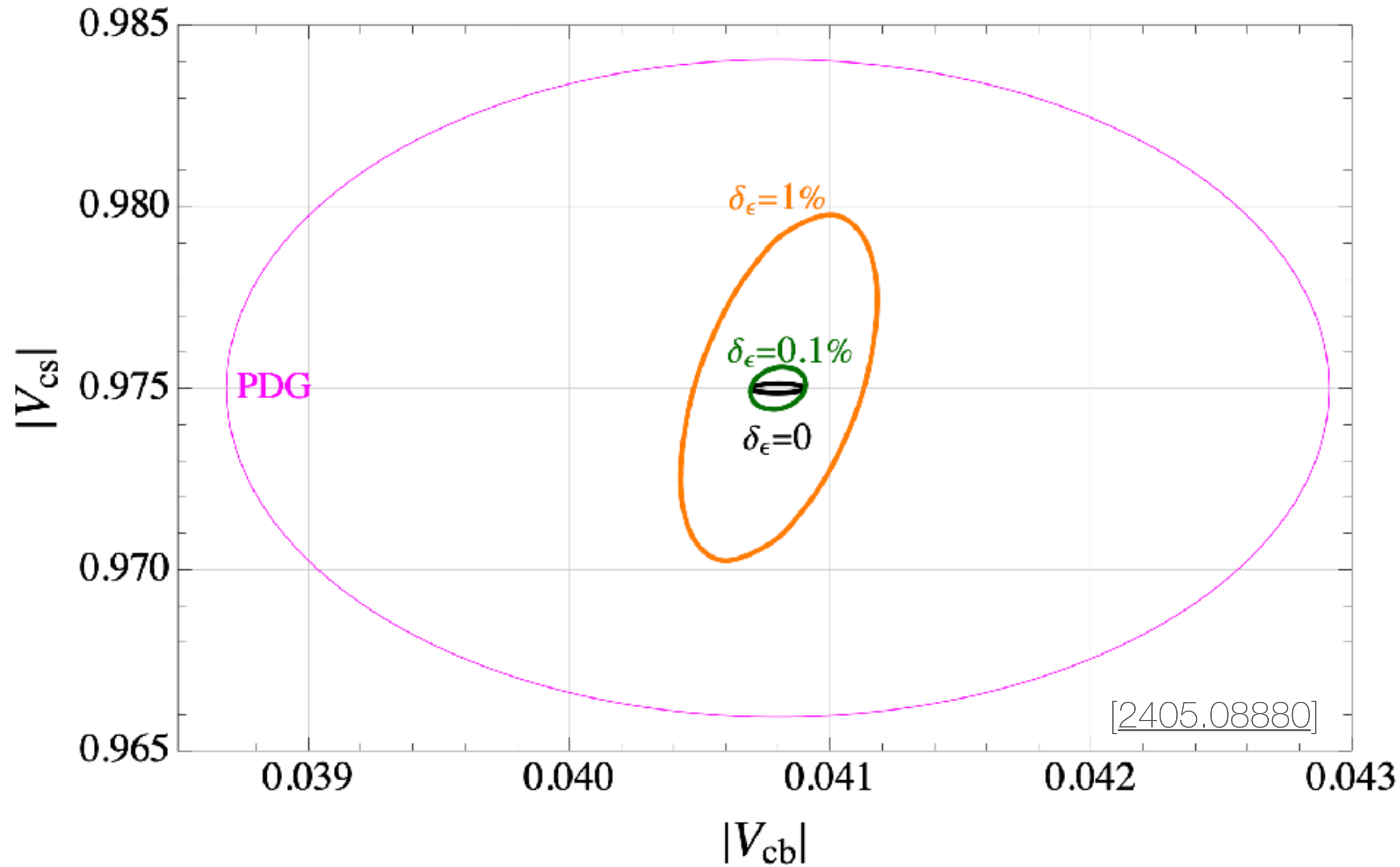
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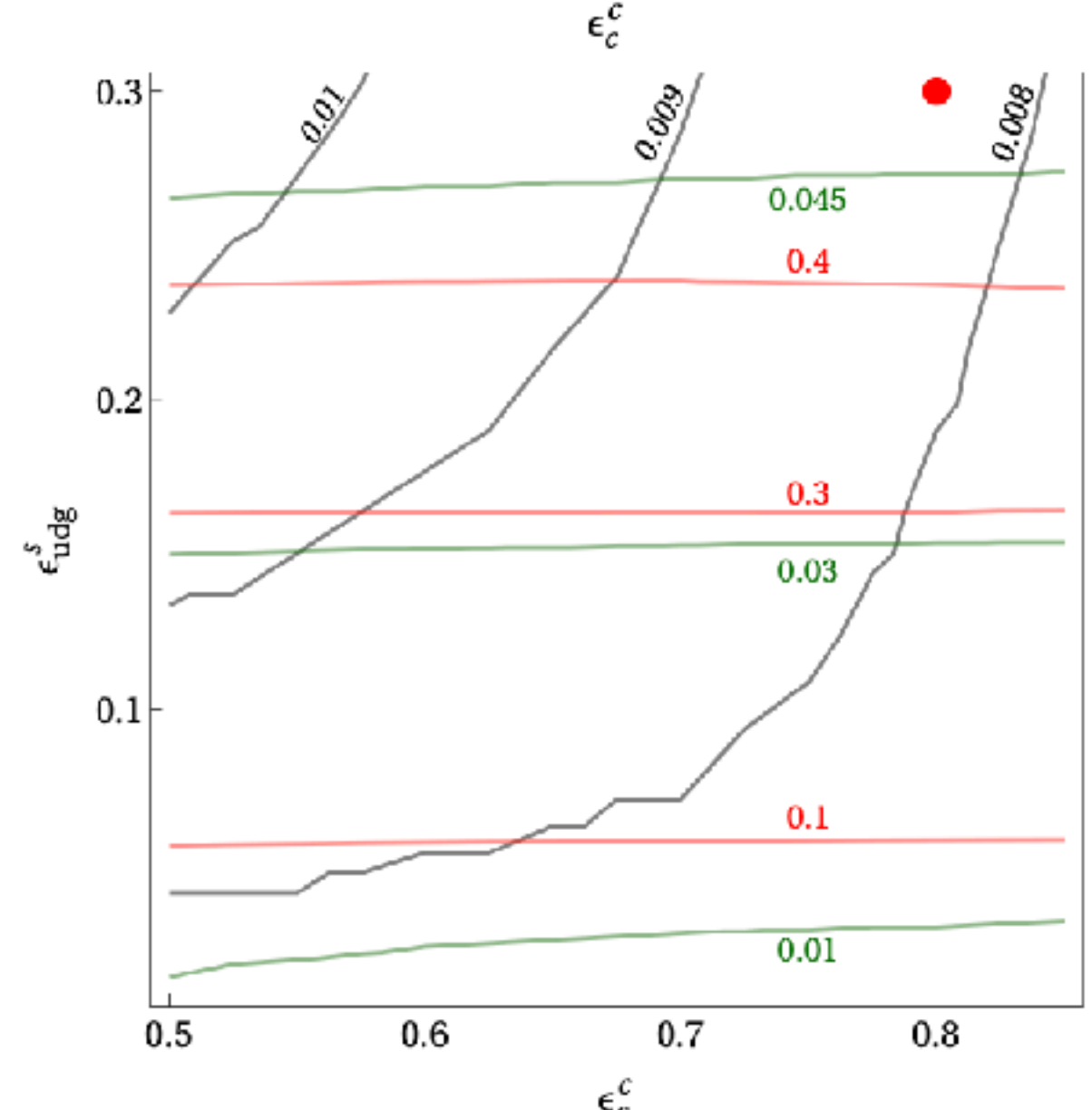
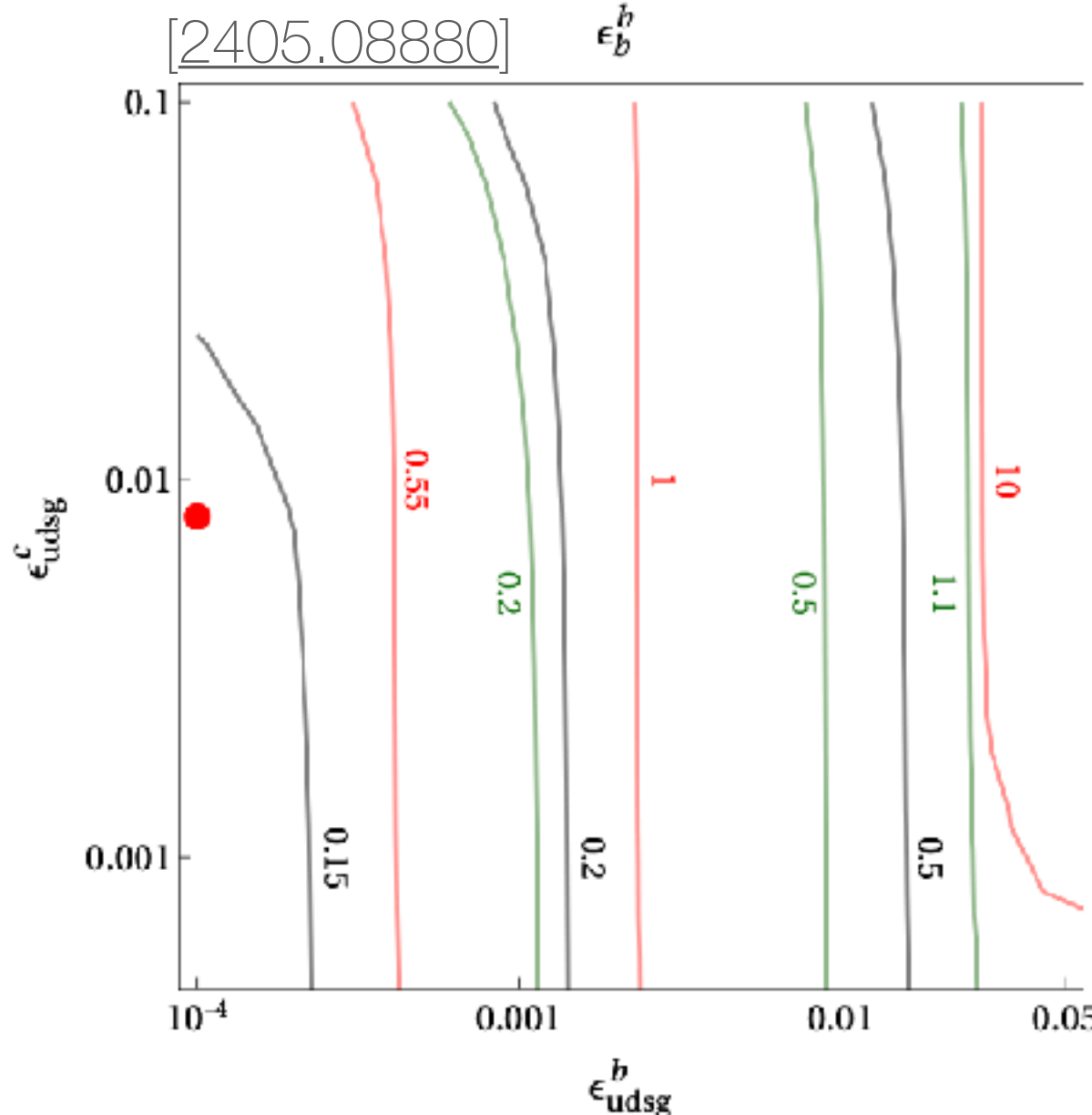
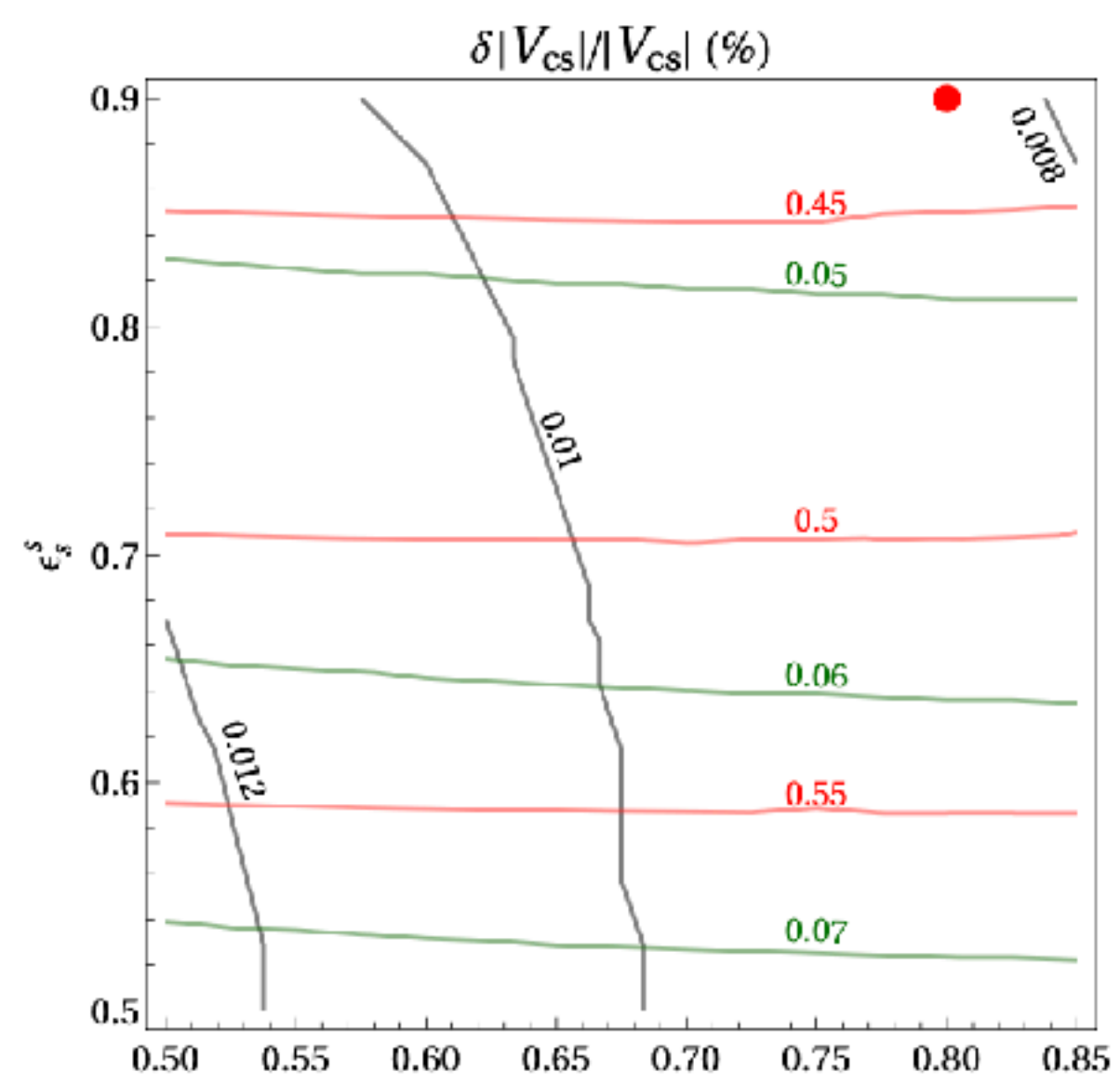
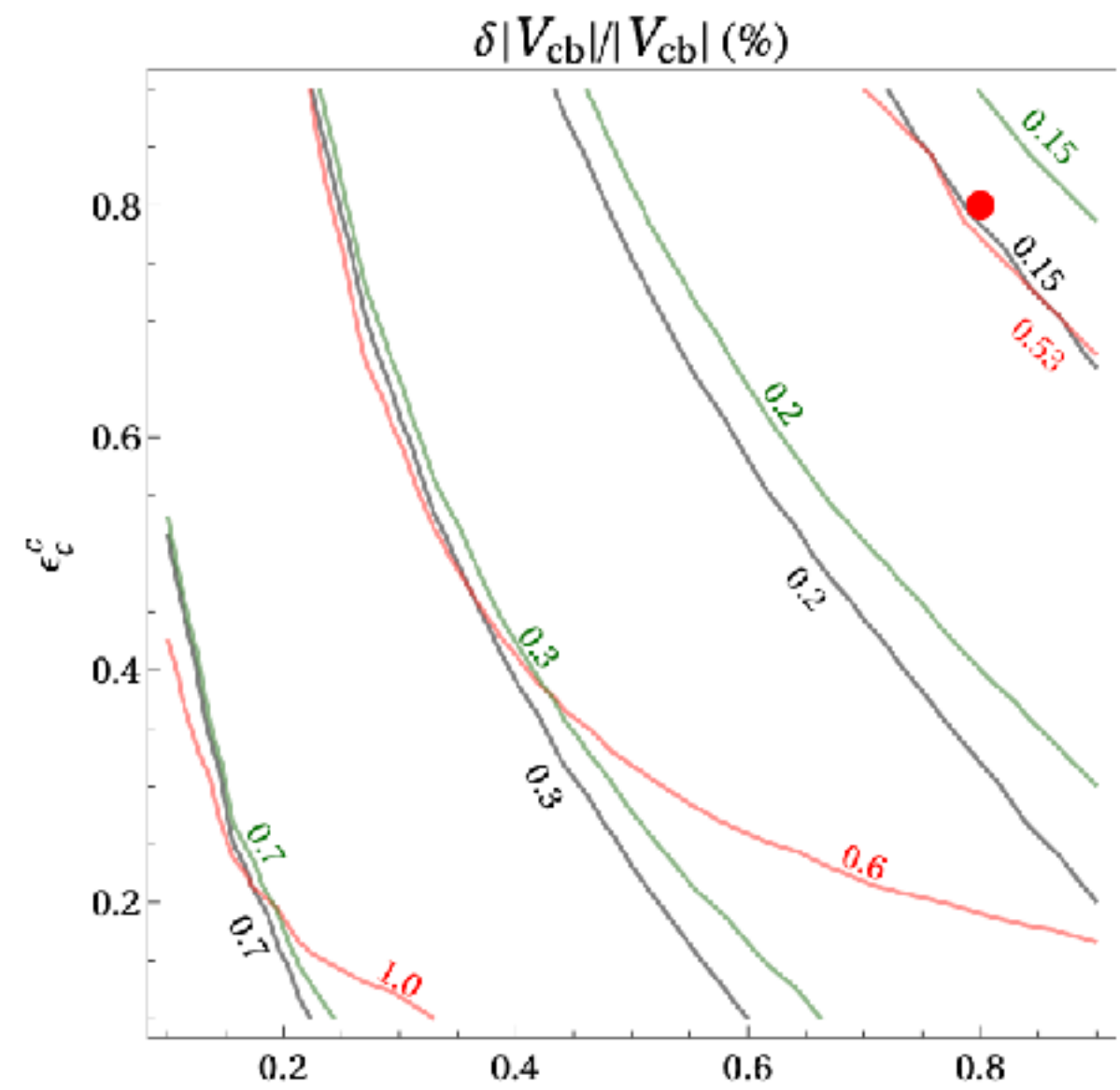


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$ V_{ij} $	Current (PDG)	FCC-ee ( $\delta_\epsilon = 1\%$ )	FCC-ee ( $\delta_\epsilon = 0.1\%$ )
$ V_{cs} $	$0.975 \pm 0.006$ (0.6%)	0.36%	0.05%
$ V_{cb} $	$(40.8 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-3}$ (3.4%)	0.52%	0.16%

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# Dependence on the working point



- Statistics only
- 1% Systematics
- 0.1% Systematics
- FWP

- $V_{cb}$ :**
- ~ **linear dependence on  $\epsilon_b^b$  and  $\epsilon_c^c$**  for small syst., less for 1% syst.
  - Important a **good rejection of light jets from b-tagger**
  - Looser rejection for the c-tagger acceptable

(since if the b is tagged correctly, the only alternative decay is  $W \rightarrow ub$ , which is very rare)

- $V_{cs}$ :**
- With systematics, the **sensitivity is driven by the s-tagger ( $\epsilon_s^s$  and  $\epsilon_{udg}^s$ )**.
  - c-tagging performance less critical.

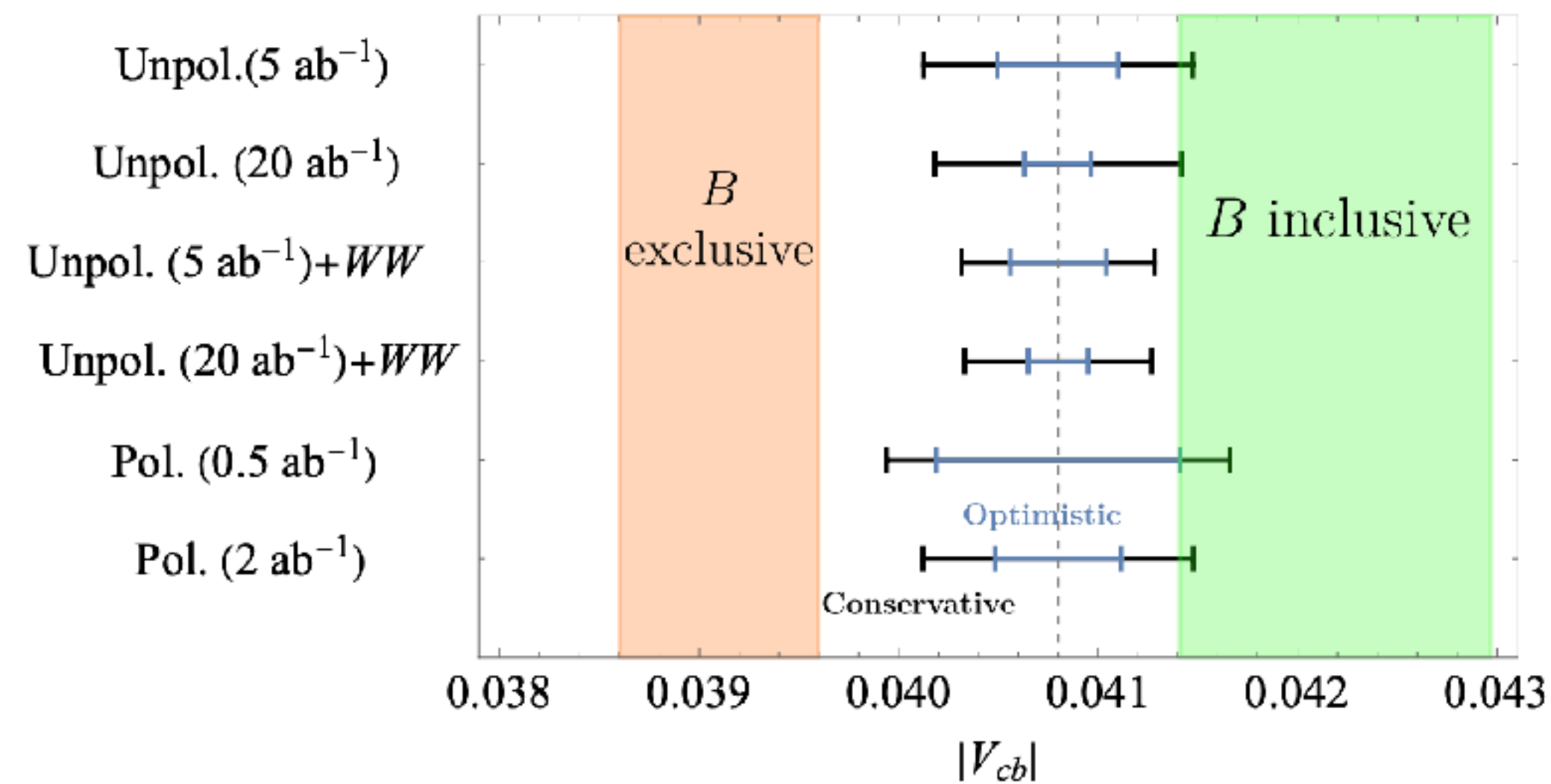
# Semileptonic channel

The semileptonic channel pays the price of **smaller leptonic W branching ratio**.  
 On the other hand, it is **free from Drell-Yan background and color reconnection effects**.

A recent paper performed a **full detector simulation** to obtain the extraction of  $|V_{cb}|$  from **semileptonic events**.

[Liang, Feng-Li, Zhu, Schen, Ruan [2406.01675](#)]

$$\varepsilon_b^b \sim 91\%, \quad \varepsilon_c^b \sim 4\%, \quad \varepsilon_{sdu}^b \sim 0.5\%$$



$$\delta V_{cb} \approx \pm 0.34\%(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.2 - 1.5 \%(syst)$$

The largest source of uncertainty is determined as the one associated to flavour tagging (and mistagging rates) of b/c jets.

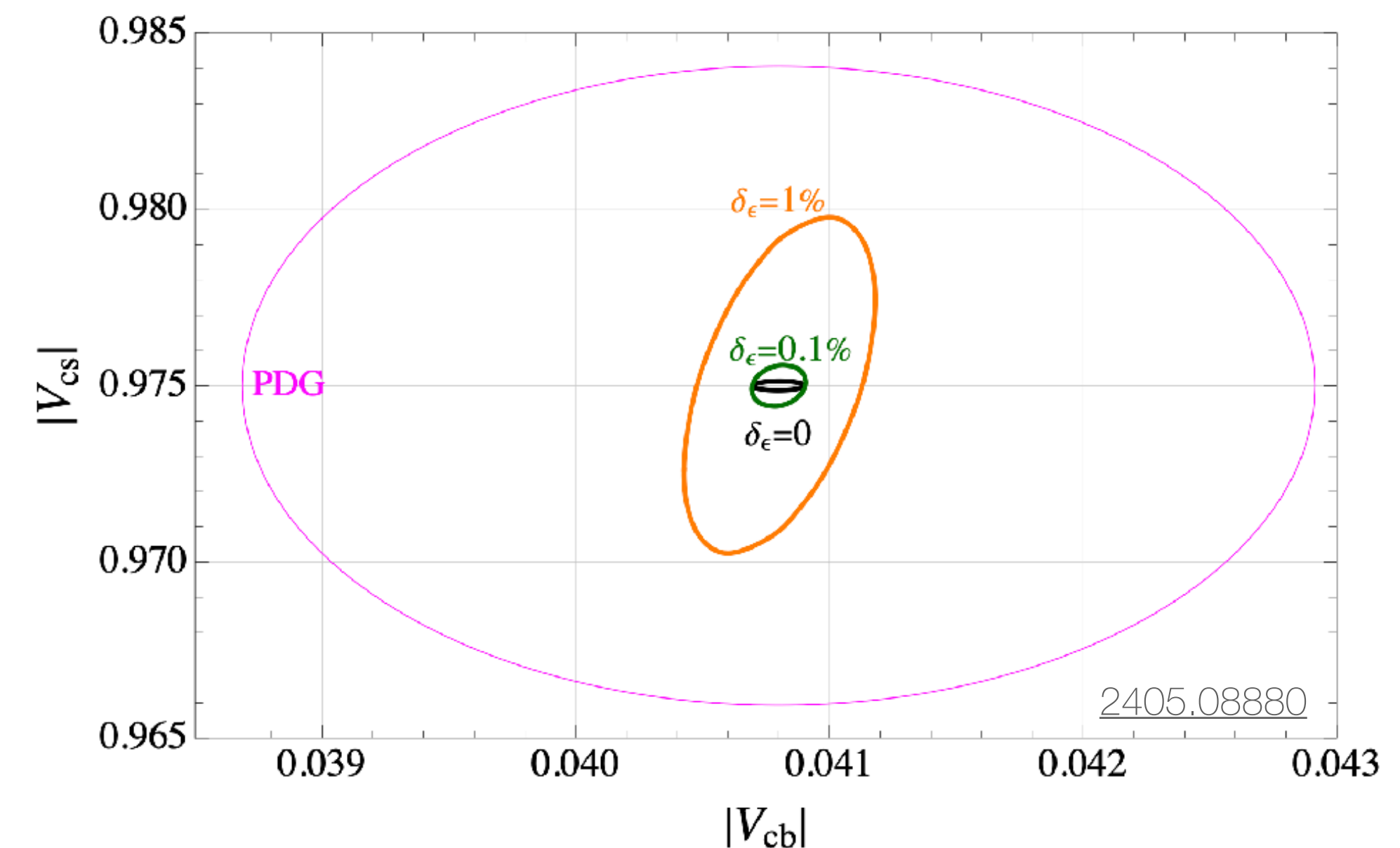
# Conclusions and Outlook

Conclusions:

- $\mathbf{V_{cb}}$  and  $\mathbf{V_{cs}}$  measurement from W decays should clearly be an important goal in flavour physics at future  $e^+e^-$  colliders
- The prospects are **well beyond anything possible via meson decays** (ultimately limited by QCD uncertainties): one order of magnitude improvement.
- This will permit the full exploitation of New Physics sensitivity from rare flavour-changing processes (both from Higgs/EW factories and from legacy flavour factories).

Open questions:

- Review of the **state-of-the-art Flavour Tagging** (FT) algorithms (**detector requirements?**)
- FT **calibration** methods and related **systematics**.
- **Full simulation study** for the  $WW \rightarrow 4j$  channel.





**Extra**

# Measuring $V_{cs}$ from meson decays

$|V_{cs}|$  is currently measured from **tree-level leptonic  $D_s$  or semi-leptonic D decays**.

Experiments: Belle, CLEO-c, BABAR, BESIII

$D_s \rightarrow \mu \nu, \tau \nu$   
 $\oplus$   
 $f_{D_s}$ : Lattice QCD  
 $f_{D_s} = (249.9 \pm 0.5) \text{ MeV}$

$|V_{cs}| = 0,984 \pm 0,012$   
 mostly experimental uncertainty

$D \rightarrow K \ell \nu$   
 $f_+^{DK}(0)$ : Lattice QCD  
 $f_+^{DK}(0) = 0.7385 \pm 0.0044$

$|V_{cs}| = 0,972 \pm 0,007$   
 mostly form factor uncertainty

PDG average:

$$|V_{cs}| = 0.975 \pm 0.006$$

# Statistical procedure

$$N_{B_{bc;1}, B_{bc;2}}(\mu, \nu) = N_{WW} \prod_{i=1,2} \sum_f p(n_{b;i}, n_{c;i} | f, \nu) F_f(\mu, \nu)$$

$$f = \{ud, us, ub, cd, cs, cb\}$$



probability that the final state  $f$  goes in the bin  $(n_b, n_c)$

Let us define the probability that each hadronic  $W$  decay goes in the bin  $(n_b, n_c)$ :

$$P_W(n_b, n_c) \equiv \sum_f p(n_b, n_c | f, \nu) F_f(\mu, \nu)$$

$$N_{B_{bc;1}, B_{bc;2}} = N_{WW} P_W(B_{bc;1}) P_W(B_{bc;2})$$

$$P_W(1, 1) = \sum_{u_i=u,c} \sum_{d_j=d,s,b} (\epsilon_{u_i}^c \epsilon_{d_j}^b + \epsilon_{u_i}^b \epsilon_{d_j}^c) \mathcal{B}_{ij} \mathcal{A}_W,$$

$$P_W(0, 2) = \sum_{u_i=u,c} \sum_{d_j=d,s,b} \epsilon_{u_i}^c \epsilon_{d_j}^c \mathcal{B}_{ij} \mathcal{A}_W,$$

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The likelihood is then given by (Gaussian approx):

$$-2 \ln \mathcal{L} = \sum_{B_{bc;1}, B_{bc;2}} \frac{\left( N_{B_{bc;1}, B_{bc;2}} - N_{B_{bc;1}, B_{bc;2}}^A \right)^2}{N_{B_{bc;1}, B_{bc;2}}} + \chi_{\text{tag}}^2$$

$$\chi_{\text{tag}}^2 = \sum_{q=b,c} \sum_{\beta=b,s,c,u,d,g} \left( \frac{\epsilon_{\beta}^q - \hat{\epsilon}_{\beta}^q}{\delta_{\epsilon} \hat{\epsilon}_{\beta}^q} \right)^2$$